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The World of Music

A ring formerly belonging to Richard Wagner has been presented by his widow to Anton van Rooy, celebrated interpreter of Wagnerian rôles, who was for ten years at the Metropolitan Opera of New York. The ring is reported to have been made of gold washed from the sands of the Rhine, engraved with a quotation from the "Riebelungen Ring," and presented to Wagner by a group of admirers.

Nathan L. Glover, for many years previous to 1921 director of music in the schools of Akron, Ohio, passed away on September 15. He was the founder of the Ohio Music Teachers' Association, and was associated with Theodore Presser and N. Coe Stewart in founding the National Music Teachers' Association.

Philadelphia Spent \$99,179 for Public Concerts during the past year, thus taking first place among American cities for its municipal activities. New York, with an expenditure of \$95,000, and San Francisco, at a cost of \$40,000, took second and third place, respectively. Among the Philadelphia appropriations for the musical development of her public are: Lemon Hill Symphony Orchestra, \$40,000; Municipal Band, \$17,000; Philadelphia Band, \$17,000; Philadelphia Band, \$17,000; Philadelphia Band, \$17,000; Philadelphia Band, \$10,000; Fairmount Park Band, \$14,000; Philadelphia Music League, \$10,000.

A Municipal Open-Air Theater for New York is made possible by an anon-ymous gift of \$150,000. A semi-amphitheater, suitable for opera, concerts and pageants, to be located on the Speedway at 167th Street, is under consideration.

One of the Last Official Acts of the ate President Harding was to sign an xecutive decree giving the United States awal Band permission to leave the District of Columbia for a six weeks' vacation concert our of leading cities. Though it has had a ontinuous existence of one hundred and wenty-two years, and has been a feature of the public life of the city, it has been outside of Washington but six or seven times, the last being in 1911.

The Carl Busch Recognition Association, of Kansas City, Missouri, will give in November a fine concert of the works of this distinguished composer, thus celebrating the completion of his thirty-five years of service to the musical development of that city. A new Cantata for adult voices, and one for juveniles will be rendered by choruses especially organized for the event. The musical community will thus show their love and upbuilding of musical culture in their midst. appreciation of the man who has given so much of his talents and of himself for the musical culture in their midst. Mr. Busch is a native of Denmark, but came to America and settled in Kansas City in 1887.

Nino Rota Rinaldi, eleven years of age, ecently directed an orchestra in Milan dur-ng the performance of an Oratorio which he add written. He has been spoken of as "a Second Mozart."

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Ossip Gabrilowitsch, conductor, will during the coming season donate ten free concerts in Orchestra Hall for the benefit of the chiltren of the public schools. Tickets will be ssued to those pupils making the highest marks in their school music work.

Edwin H. Lemare has resigned as municipal organist of Portland, Maine, after two years of service. Previous to his accepting the Portland post Mr. Lemare had been for several years in a similar position at San Francisco. His brilliant work in his various positions and concert tours has placed him in the front rank of living organists.

Nicola A. Montani, conductor of the Palestrina Choir of Philadelphia, editor of the Catholic Choirmaster, and a widely known authority on ecclesiastical music, has been appointed organist and choirmaster of the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, of New York. Mr. Montani's work in bringing before the public the classic masterpieces of the polyphonic school has been no small feature in the development of the musical life of Philadelphia, and it is good to know that his activities in this line are to be carried on in New York.

Stravinsky's "Noces" was the novelty of the Russian season at the Théâtre de la Gaieté of Paris. It is described as "weird and strange—a series of choregraphic scenes with vocal adjuncts, scored for four pianos and a considerable variety of percussion instruments."

tana is to be celebrated by the Wagnerian Opera Company with a performance of his "Bartreed Bride" at the New York Manhat-tan Opera House, in January, 1924.

Camille Benoist, a pupil of César Franck, and long Conservator of Music in the Louvre, Paris, is dead at the age of seventy-one.

"Moyle" ("Sruth na maoille"), the libretto by Rev. Erasmus O'Kelly and the music by G. Molyneux Palmer, was produced in Irish at the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin, on July 25th. Various old Irish airs are introduced in the score.

H. C. Colles, music critic of the London Times, began on the eighth of October a three months' association with the music department of the New York Times. Mr. Colles has been appointed also as editor-inchief of the proposed revised third edition of Grove's Dictionary of Music.

"Polly," Gay's delightful opera, and companion piece to "The Beggar's Opera," celebrated its 300th performance at the Savoy Theatre, London, on September 13th and closed its present run on October 6th.

Miss Frances McCollin, of Philadelphia, has won the one hundred dollars W. W. Kimball Prize offered by the Chicago Madrigal Club in its twenty-first annual competition. Miss McCollin was awarded the same prize in 1918.

Bell-Ringing is to be included among the musical studies of Birmingham University. The subject will be included in the Acoustics' course. A special collection of bells is being made for purposes of demonstration and practice. It is suggested that the University may also undertake the publication of bell music, students of campanology having hitherto been without resources in this respect

For the First Time in the History of the Church and Stage, it is believed, a musical comedy actor is holding the position of lay vicar of Westminster Abbey. Mr. Dennis Noble, by courtesy of the Dean and Chapter of the Abbey, is now appearing in "Head Over Heels" at the Adelphi Theatre.

The Organola (Self-Player Organ) has been introduced into the churches of Spain, though not without protests from the musical fraternity.

\$1,000 in Prizes is offered by the United Male Choruses of Chicago for compositions in the Folk Song style. Particulars from Adolph Gill, 169 N. La Salle St., Chicago, Illinois.

The "Blue Danube" Waltz of Johann Strauss was first played at the Dianasalle, Vienna, on February 13, 1867. In the same season it was given at the Paris Exposition, under the baton of the composer; and in that autumn it was heard in London at the Covent Garden Promenade Concerts. At Vienna and Paris it was given in its original form, for orchestra and chorus, but in London, after some three weeks' rehearsal, Strauss decided to dispense with the chorus, so that it was performed by orchestra only.

Gabriele d'Annunzio, internationally famous as a Italian poet and politician, is writing an opera, "Frate Sole," which will come as a surprise to those who know of his musical tendencies only through his writings about the art. His brother, Antonio d'Annunzio, a composer and conductor, lives in America.

Elizabeth Kuyper, highly reputed in Holland as a composer, and long an intimate friend of Humperdinck and Max Bruch, is organizing a Woman's Symphony Orchestra in New York.

A \$1,000 Prize is offered by the North Shore Festival Association to American com-posers for the best orchestral composition submitted before January 1, 1924. Partic-ulars from Carl D. Kinsey, 624 Michigan Boulevard, Chicago.

The prize of Two Hundred Dollars, offered in the October issue of The Error for a setting of Longfellow's "Masque of Pandora," had been withdrawn by the Matinee Musical Club of Philadelphia, and the notice was due to an error in The Error editorial department.

The Music Teachers' National Association will hold its forty-fifth annual meeting in Pittsburgh, December 26 to 28, 1925, with the Hotel Schenley as headquarters.

The first session will be on December 26th, at 3 P. M. It will be followed by an informal dinner in the hotel at 6,30, and the evening will be devoted to a social meeting under the auspices of Pittsburgh musical organizations.

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On Thursday morning Dean Harold L. Butler, of Syracuse University, will be chairman of the voice conference, with Dudley Buck speaking on "Vocal Theories and Principles." Mr. John J. Hattstaedt. President of the American Conservatory of Chicago, will have charge of the plano conference. The annual business meeting will be held at 11.30, and will be followed by an informal luncheon. The afternoon will be devoted to the recently organized Committee on College and University Music, with Dean Henry Bellamann, of Chicora College, Columbia, S. C., as chairman. A special concert program is under consideration for Thursday evening.

Friday morning begins with papers representative of research material, and continues with reports from certain standing committees of the Association. These are: American Music, Chairman Francis L. York, of Detroit Conservatory of Music organ and Choral Music, Chairman H. D. LeBaron, Ohio Wesleyan University; Community Music, Chairman P. W. Dykema, of University of Wisconsin; History of Music and Libraries, Chairman William Benbow, of Musical Institute of Buffalo; Public School Music, Chairman J. Lawrence Erb.

After another "community luncheon" and the completion of business unfinished from the previous day, the Public School Music Committee, headed by Mr. Edward Bailey Birge, of University of Indiana, will report a synopsis of "State Requirements in the U. S. Governing the Preparation of the Grade Teacher and Supervisor." This will be followed by a one-hour demonstration of original compositions, aurat harmony and analysis by pupils from Pittsburgh High School classes, specially planned for music teachers who are not generally familiar with this work as done in schools.

The final session will be held at 8.15 on Friday evening, when the speakers will include Mr. Carl Engel, of the music division of the Library of Congress (on "External Aids to Musical In

"Some Impressions of an Itherant Consult-ant").

The teachers of the Pittsburgh district are active in making preparations for the wel-come and entertainment of the visitors. Membership in the Association is open to all interested persons, whether professional musicians or not. Members' fees should be sent at once to the Treasurer, Waldo S. Pratt, 86 Gillett Street Hartford, Conn.

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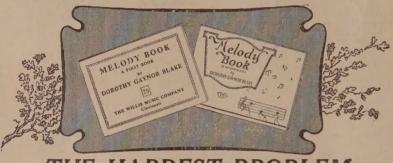
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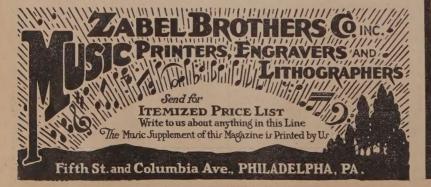
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"At Christmas play and make good cheer For Christmas comes but once a Year"

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THE nobler love of fellowman which marked the advent of our Master, Jesus Christ, demands the joy and power of music in its loftiest expression.

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Let us have good cheer and lots and lots of the merriest kind of music. It won't happen unless we all arrange for it. Every moment we spend in preparation for a musical Christmas will bring joy to ourselves and all people around us.

Let Us Make This a Really Musical Christmas



The Mystery of Beautiful Piano Tone

THREE articles that have appeared lately in The Etude deserve the serious consideration of all of our readers who are concerned in making their piano-playing more beautiful.

They are the articles in the Josef Lhévinne Series, the articles by Kleczynski on "The Study of Chopin" and the interview with Valdimir De Pachmann in this issue. If you will read between the lines in all of these articles you may discover what might be termed the "Chopin Method" of playing the piano. Chopin would probably rise in his grave at the term; but nevertheless he seemed to have fairly definite ideas upon touch and gave his friends and pupils these ideas.

If the records are representative of Chopin's real mind, de Pachmann has instinctively adopted the style of playing which the Polish-French master sought in his own work. Lhévinne, working independently and introspectively, has evolved similar principles and insists that upon these good tone

at the keyboard largely depends.

One of the first principles is that the blow of the finger upon the key, whether it be from a stroke or from pressure, must be thoroughly cushioned. That is, the part of the finger that touches the key should be as resilient as possible. If we strike the keys on the very tips of the fingers there is a thin hard cushion in comparison with the large ball a little behind the tips. In other words to produce beautiful, mellifluous piano tone we dare not have the finger tips descend upon the keys with a straight line but they must come down in somewhat oblique position, so that a larger and more springing part of the first joint covers the key surface.

Lhévinne insists that the finger move only at the metacarpal joint, that is, the joint where the finger joins the body

of the hand.

Your editor, for over a quarter of a century, has been in close personal communication with practically all of the great pianists of the world. He has observed minutely their playing in public and in private, innumerable times. He has noted that those who have been famous for their lovely tone have, either through carefully thought-out principles, or through instinct, played in the manner we have described.

If this simple principle is correct, it will alter the customary methods of elementary instruction very slightly. But this slight change "makes all the difference in the world." The teacher instead of telling the pupils to play on the finger tips directly behind the finger nails will tell them to play with that broader and softer portion of the first-finger joint. True, this may at first even aggravate that bugbear of all teachers of children, "the collapse of the first joint" but in the long run better results will be obtained. We do not play the piano with claws but with hands.

We feel very strongly, that if these fundamental principles, advocated in the three articles mentioned, are comprehended and broadly applied, much piano playing in America

will become vastly more beautiful.

Just one glance at the hands of Mr. Paderewski, shown in the illustration in this issue of The Etude, will serve to confirm everything we have stated in this editorial. Unquestionably the leading performers of the present seek their beautiful singing tone in this manner of hand position.

Offertories

JOHN Ross FRAMPTON, in "Better Music in Our Churches," just issued by the Methodist Book Concern, intimates that music has a very compelling power in drawing money from the pew holders' pockets during the offertory. He says, "Organists, if you have a mystic, ethereal echo organ, prepare to use it now." Quite right, Mr. Frampton; we have known many of the most pious of all the pew holders who required a musical anaesthetic to permit the painful operation of separating them from the Sunday morning quarter. Instead of giving gladly and modestly they show every evidence of being victims of extortion. Mr. Frampton wisely adds, by way of caution to the organist, "Don't improvise unless you feel that your improvising is acceptable in heaven and in the pews as well."

The Tempo of the Times

The tempo of the great American symphony of 1873 was somewhere around M.M. =42 Largo molto Comodo. The tempo to-day is M.M. =2000 Presstissimo Jazzissimo and as much faster as you choose. Because many of us fail to realize the tempo of the times this little editorial may not come amiss. Fifty years have speeded America up to the point where Velocity

has become a kind of pagan deity in our country.

Teachers must recognize that the American child born to-day has facilities for the accumulation of knowledge in all of its branches, so that the average youngster of ten or twelve knows far more about certain things than did his Granddaddy when he graduated from College. Note that we specify "certain things." It will always take time to acquire the great mass of classical and scientific learning that marks an educated man—but the moving pictures, the automobile, the talking machine, the radio, the flood of books and papers and magazines distribute information upon a multitude of subjects in a manner utterly unknown fifty years ago. With this has come the adjustment of the child mind to the tempo of the times. The child in a half-hour at the movies is transported around the globe that took his grandfather a year to circumnavigate in his splendid old schooner.

In music the whole situation has been revolutionized by the talking machine, the radio and the player piano. The child in the prairie town actually has more opportunities than

did his grandfather in the metropolis of 1873.

Irvin S. Cobb in a recent issue of Hearst's International caught this idea in his interminably amusing way. Cobb says: "Our ancestors lived at the rate of eight miles an hour. We live at sixty. Slow molasses was the symbol for them; greased lightning is ours. The telephone marked one period of our development, the saxophone marks the present one.

"We have progressed from a jog to a canter, from a canter to a gallop, from a gallop to a runaway; and even now

when we slow up we shimmy."

Teachers must recognize that the child of 1873, who was content to read the pathetically dull Rollo Books, now demands the liveliness and spice of books done by men and women with vigorous minds and keen sensibilities. The same applies to music.

Consider the difference in the musical tempo of the times. The sweet girl graduate of 1873, who crowned her musical career with a performance of Dorn's "Trovatore," now thinks nothing of a Liszt Rhapsody or the Chopin E flat Polonaise. The youth who put on his musical armor of the seventies, and sat gloriously astride that valient war-horse, Leybach's Fifth Nocturne, now plays esoteric pieces by Debussy, Ravel, Reger and Company, casting sympathetic glances at a benighted audience incapable of comprehending their beauties.

The teacher and the musician who fails to set his personal metronome to the tempo of the times is likely to suffer.

On the whole, we cannot help feeling that we are losing a great deal by our ultra speed. We feel that we may be like the automobile tourists who went so fast that the only time they ever saw the scenery was when they changed a tire. Perhaps some day we shall re-learn the keen joys of pedestrianism—we may take time for contemplation, for introspection. Possibly we may stop long enough to discover that we are rushing past glorious beauties only to tear back to ugly machinery and metropolitan unloveliness. Indeed, we have a strong feeling that the great American composers of the future may, like MacDowell, hie themselves to the solitude of the woods and hills, there to commune with the Almighty and his wondrous works and again transmute musically some message to immortality.

"Sing away sorrow," exclaims Cervantes; and dozens of other poets, philosophers and authors have echoed him. Really, the best remedy for melancholy is song. King Philip V of Spain paid Farinelli 50,000 francs a year to warble away the royal Iberian blues.

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The Attention of Etude Readers is Called to the Editorial on "Beautiful Tone," Page 814

Mr. Lhévinne's ideas upon technic, tone and interpretation are not only distinctive in their force and simplicity, but also are expressed with terms which make them readily remembered. For years, many of the great pianists of the world have applauded his remarkable technical ability and his audiences are fascinated by the delicacy of his tone. THE ETUDE feels that it is rendering a real service to the profession and to the art by presenting this exceptional series of articles. The succeeding articles in the series will be filled with practical ideas.

The Secret of a Beautiful Tone

"It will be remembered that in the previous section of this series a promise was made that we would next attempt to determine the "secret" of a beautiful tone. In this connection it must be recollected that considerable attention was given to the matter of individuality. In the first place, every piano student who aspires to acquire a beautiful tone must, have a mental concept of what a beautiful tone is. Some people are born with a sense of the beautiful in sound. They do not need to be told. It is like the finely balanced sense of color possessed by some, in contrast to those who are color blind. If you do not have it, do not despair; because, by hard work and experience in listening to pianists who do possess a beautiful tone, you may develop it. I have known innumerable students with a very disagreeable tone, who have in time developed an attractive one by persistent effort. However, if you are tonally deaf to lovely sound malities there is very little hope for you.

"On the other hand, there are those who have a natural tonal sense but who do not have the technical qualifications for producing good tone at the piano; and it is to those that my remarks are now directed. The adjustment of the hand and arm to conditions that produce good tone is half of the battle. That is, the student must get clearly in mind what contributes to good tone production on the keyboard. In work with my masters, in personal investigations of technical principles, and hrough hearing intimately most of the great pianists, from Rubinstein to the present, certain basic facts seem to be associated with those who have good tone in contrast to those who do not.

Cushions of Flesh

"In the previous section we have spoken of the part of he finger that comes in contact with the keys. part is well covered with cushions of flesh, the tone is ikely to be far better than if it were hard and bony. Therefore, the main principle at the first is to see that he key is touched with as resilient a portion of the finger as possible, if a lovely, ringing, singing tone is desired nstead of the hard, metallic one. What part of the inger tip is this? Certainly not the part immediately behind the finger nail. There the tone produced is still cony and unresponsive. Just a little farther back in the rst joint of the finger you will notice that the cushion f flesh is apparently more elastic, less resisting, more Strike the key with this portion of the finger, ot on the finger tips as some of the older European methods suggested. To accomplish this, I would call your attention to the illustration in Section 11, in which is distinctly stated that the finger moves as a whole and at one joint only—the joint connecting the finger with the body of the hand. If the fingers descend upon he keys in this fashion you will notice that they do not trike on but just a little behind the tips. In other words, he key is touched with as large a surface on the first joint of the finger as is feasible.

It is almost an axiom to say that the smaller the surace of the first joint of the finger touching the key, the tarder and blunter the tone; the larger the surface, the nore ringing and singing the tone. Naturally if you find passage requiring a very brilliant, brittle tone you emloy a small striking surface, using only the tips of the fingers. This is just one of the elements of good piano tone; but it should be mastered by all progressive piano students. Indeed, this in itself will improve your tone immensely, even though you may not employ some of the other principles which we shall discuss later. Before dismissing the subject, let the student think for a moment of the luscious quality of tone which often accompanies melodic passages in which the thumb is used a great deal. This is due in no small measure to the large, springy cushion of flesh on the thumb, in contrast with the much smaller cushion employed with the fingers, by the student who has been trained to strike with the very tip of the finger.

The Part the Wrist Plays in a Good Tone

"Very few students realize the part the wrist plays in the production of a good tone. If they were compelled to ride at a high rate of speed, over a rough road, in an automobile without springs or shock absorbers, they would go through a very terrible experience. They would be jarred and bumped almost to death. Yet that is what many students actually do in their piano playing. If the cushions of flesh on the ends of the fingers are the pneumatic tires in piano playing, the wrist is the

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HOW ANTON RUBENSTEIN SAT AT THE PIANO
From a Drawing From Life

spring or the shock absorber. For this reason it is next to impossible to produce a good singing tone with a stiff wrist. The wrist must always be flexible. The more spring the less bump; and it is bumps that make for bad tone on the piano.

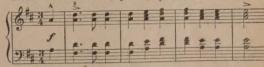
"Of course, if you are playing a passage like the following from the Liszt *Campanella*, where the greatest possible brilliancy is demanded, a stiff wrist and pointed fingers are not only permissible, but absolutely necessary.

Ex. III-1 La Campanella - Liszt



"Or a passage like the following from the Schumann *Papillons*, which should be an imitation of brass instruments, must be played with pointed fingers and stiff wrists.

Ex. III-2 Schumann Papillons, Op. 2, No. 12

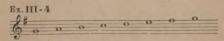


"The same is true of the following lovely passage from Moszowski Etude In Double Notes, Opus 64, only with a lighter touch

Ex. III-3 Moszkowski, Op. 64, No. 1



"The cultivation of a singing touch should be a part of the daily work of every student who has passed the first few grades of elementary study, if indeed it may not be introduced earlier with students of more mature intelligence. All sorts of exercises will be devised by the skillful teacher. One of the simplest is to take the simple scale like this.



"Poise the hand about two inches above the keys. Hold the hand in normal position as you would upon the piano keyboard (not with the fingers drooping down toward the keys). Now let the hand fall a little with the first joint of the second finger, the wrist still held very flexible so that the weight of the descending hand and arm carries the key down to key bottom, quite without any sensation of a blow. It is the blow or the bump, which is ruinous to good tone. The piano is not a typewriter to be thumped upon so that a sharp, clear type impression will be made. Rather imagine that you are actually playing upon the wires, ringing them with soft felt-covered hammers and not with hard metal bars.

The Great Composers and Their Predominant Moods

By Edwin Hall Pierce

"As the hand descends for this swinging touch, the finger is curved normally; it is not held straight. As the finger touches the key-surface, it feels as though it were grasping the key not striking or hitting it. There is a vast difference of sensation here. Always feel as though you had hold of the key, not that you are merely delivering a blow to it. Do not think of the ivory surface of the keyboard as you would of a table. That idea is entirely wrong. Those who play the piano as though they were strumming on a table will never get the innate principle of a good tone.

"Again when the hand descends, as large a surface of the finger tip as feasible engages the key; and the wrist is so loose that it normally sinks below the level of the keyboard. Observe your hand sensations very carefully. The tone is produced in the downward swing of the hand. If it were possible to take one of the exagger-atedly slow moving pictures of this touch, there would be no spot, no place, no movement where the movement seemed to stop on the way down. If there were such a place it would produce a bump. The tone seems to ring out beautiful and clear. The key is touched "on the wing," as it were, in the downward passage. All this concerns only the first note of the melody or a phrase, the other notes, if the melody to be played legato must be taken with the fingers quite near the keys raising or dropping the wrist according to the design of the

"The student who values a good tone will have the patience to practice all his scale, in both hands, one finger at a time, until this principle becomes automatic, until it is just as natural as free and easy walking. He will find that his playing becomes more graceful, more pleasurable, more satisfying to his sense of tonal beauty and to his hearers. But he has to listen!

"When he attempts a powerful forte passage later in his musical life, he will discover that he can make the piano ring with the greatest possible volume, without making it sound "bangy". The reason why a number of people say that they do not care for piano playing is that so many so-called performers upon the instrument treat it as though it were an anvil and go on hammering out musical horse shoes.

"In Section 1 of this series some of the ETUDE readers may have been a little out of patience with the extent of my remarks about rests. If rests, are important, the method of stopping the sound of the note is quite as important as the method of sounding it. The most super-ficial examination of the inside of the keyboard reveals that the sound is stopped by the felt damper coming up against the keys. In brilliant compositions, such, for instance, as the Mendelssohn Scherzo in E Minor, in a passage like this the sound must stop quickly and abruptly as in all full staccato passages.



"But in melodic passages it is very offensive to have a 'sound bump' at the end of the tone. Therefore, at the end of the tones in melodic passages the student reverses the process by which he produces the tone. The wrist must be gradually raised and co high until the finger will leave the key, like an aeroplane leaves the ground; and, of course, the key itself ascends gradually and the damper comes up to the wire without the 'bumping off' sound. Many, many students strike the keys right but do not seem to have mastered the very simple, but very vital principle of releasing them so that there is no jerkiness. Details? Aha'—these are the details upon which those who aspire to be masters work their

"Although we have reached the third section of our discussion of this fascinating subject—which has so much to do in determining how to play the instrument so that it will be really musical in contrast to the street piano we have been able as yet to cover only a few of the main points. In the next section we shall take up the matter of how to acquire great delicacy of touch and its antithesis, great power. This will be illustrated by a rare Russian portrait of Anton Rubinstein in a position at the instrument in which we shall attempt to show how that famous 'lion of the keyboard' produced some of his

Almost every music lover only reaches the point of adequate appreciation of his (Mozart's) work, when his judgment has become mature.

-CHARLES VILLIERS STANFORD.

It has been said of Haydn's portrait that it is remarkable not so much for what it expresses as for what it fails to express. Haydn's life was not lacking in its own sorrows and anxieties; yet his countenance bears no trace of them. The same is true of his music; it is a serene creation of beauty. It probably never occurred to him to try to express any of his own personal moods in his music, except that, as a whole, it is a reflection of his cheerful and brave nature. The Chinese sage, Confucius, has said, "The great man is he who never loses his child

With Mozart, the case is much the same; only that in his operas he makes the music appropriate to the dramatic situation—never, however, to the extent of making it unbeautiful as music, as some of our most modern composers have not scrupled to do.

With Beethoven, on the contrary, we begin to see the employment of music to express emotion of the deepest sort, and in every variety-the pathetic, the grand, the joyful, the satirical, the comic-and that not merely as an individual but through a broad sympathy with the whole human race. Except for his very earliest works, which were naturally modelled more or less on Haydn and Mozart, he has but little use for mere prettiness, but seeks a higher and more expressive sort of beauty.

Weber shows the influence of the Romantic movement in literature, together with an interest in folk-lore and folk-songs.

Mendelssohn may be classed as belonging to the Victorian age, with its pious smugness, its domesticity, its squeamishness and its horror of too strongly expressed feeling. That Mendelssohn, both personally and as a composer, was much beloved and admired by Queen Victoria is a fact not without significance. His Songs Without Words, exactly hit the taste of his age; in the present generation most of them seem a little tame and colorless. In his "Elijah," his "St, Paul," and his best symphonies, however, he reaches a much higher level and is truly great.

Schumann, though a contemporary of Mendelssohn, has but little in common with him. Far inferior to Mendelssohn in the technical mastery of his art, he is nevertheless far his superior in originality and in depth of sentiment. For one thing, he originated an entirely novel and more expressive treatment of the piano. Mendelssohn's piano style is that of an improved and modernized Mozart; Schumann's style is all his own, and unlike anything before it, though since his day it has been so widely imitated that we are apt to forget how original it was when new. Schumann was one of the first to use his music as an intimate personal expression of mood. What he writes is never coldly objective—it is the way Schumann, and not "anybody in general," felt about it. One important index to the character of any educated person, is the style of literature he most enjoys. Schumann's favorite author was Jean Paul Richter, and if you will read one or two of that author's stories, you will get an insight into Schumann that will be really very enlightening. I would recommend either Flower, Fruit and

Thorn Pieces, or The Life of Quintus Fixlein. (Fleger jahre was Schumann's own favorite, but unfortunatel there does not seem to be any good translation of it i English, and it is very difficult German to read in th

Chopin's music is the reflection of a life spent in highl refined and brilliant society in Paris, modified by an un dercurrent of his recollections of childhood in Polance Like Schumann, Chopin uses his music for the expres sion of personal moods, but scarcely to the same exten-He was more strongly governed by considerations of formal beauty and symmetry. He, also, added novel an beautiful effects to piano technic.

Wagner's great dream was a union of all the arts-

music, drama and the pictorial arts, in a composite whole as in his great unusic dramas. He many times expresse strong doubts as to whether his music was capable of proper effect when performed as concert music, without words, action or scenery. In other words, he regarde it merely as a sort of glorified incidental music to play. The public, however, has given it a higher ratin of its own accord, and is most appreciative of its dramati grandeur, even in the concert hall rather than the stage

Grieg was one of the first to present a music havin pronounced national characteristics differing strongly from the classical. Starting with the folk-songs and folk dances of his native country, Norway, he developed Norwegian school of musical composition which reflect the temperament and traditions of his people. To do thi he was obliged to throw overboard many of the rules an customs of harmony which he had faithfully mastered at the renowned Leipsic Conservatory. His forme teacher, Reinecke, viewed his progress with much the same feelings as those which wring the heart of a he with a brood of ducklings, when her downy charge venture off for a swim on the pond. Since his day man other composers have successfully ventured themselve on the waters of "nationality" in music; for instance Dvořák, for Bohemia; Percy Grainger, for the Britis

Disregarding chronology, we have delayed mention of Bach until the last. Bach belongs to no time nor ag although his use of polyphony was merely the highe development of a style most familiar to his own time at generation. In his laborious and circumscribed profe sional life, the petty annoyances which he had to underg the strangely blind and unappreciative attitude of thou with whom he had to deal, one looks in vain for any hi of his source of inspiration. And yet we have the "Passion According to St. Matthew," the "Christme Oratorio," the great G minor Fantasie and Fugue, forgan, the "Mass in B Minor," the wonderful Cantata and many other colossal works, which the greatest must cians of to-day can admire but not equal: His master of the resources of his art (as they existed at his day was exhaustive; but that is less than half the story. I was a man who lived conscious of the great eternities he had something of the spiritual vision of an Elijah.

How the Rural Music Teacher Can Stimulate Interest

By W. L. Clark

1. HAVE the pupils participate in rural school entertainments, whenever it is practicable. Instrumental duets are, as a rule, especially appreciated. Include, also, some solo selections that are entertaining.

2. If there is a rural church that needs someone to play for services, train one of the pupils along that line. Immediately, new pupils will be desirous of

3. Give an afternoon or evening entertainment that is partially or wholly musical. Let others see what your pupils are accomplishing.

4. A rural teacher who attends a concert in a city can often arrange to have some pupils to go along. This stimulates interest and gives the pupils a broader vision of the musical world.

5. Lend musical magazines to your pupils occasionally. They will learn to enjoy material regarding the great musicians, and will get an impetus to do better work on their own part. They soon will obtain musical literature for themselves.

6. It is worth while occas anally to obtain an outside

musician to aid in a musical entertainment. Pupils e

7. Make the most of local talent. If there are other in the community who are somewhat musical, thous they are not your pupils, try to enlist their service when you arrange for a musical gathering.

8. If practicable, give a musical contest, and secu the aid of outside musicians for judges.

9. Stress upon your pupils the advantages of a m sical education. Secure literature for them from ins tutions that give the best musical training. This w give those who have ability an impetus to plan for musical career on the future.

10. Induce pupils to give their lessons plenty of pra tice. This can be made interesting by having each o keep a record of the hours practiced each day for period of weeks. A report can be given at a music

(The Long Hour-A book prepared especially f assembly singing in rural districts is an immense he to music workers and teachers working to stir up mu

ical interest.)

HAVE been asked to tell what the musical critics of a city like New York look for, particularly in musicians who appear at public recitals and con-There are a number of things they look for, the eyes being critical as well as the ears.

Time was when the personal appearance of a performer was a matter of secondary importance. Shabby attire, a slouchy gait, unkempt hair and unwashed hands didn't matter much so long as the artist sang or played well.

It is not so to-day. It has been made evident that genius does not necessarily imply eccentricity of attire and conduct. Paderewski and Kreisler, the musical idols of the time, are perfect gentlemen

in every way. When, after an absence of some years, Kreisler appeared in London, several of the critics, after praising him as the foremost violinist of the period, commented on the satisfaction it was to

behold in him a musician who was also a gentleman.

As for Paderewski, he has all the merits of both musicians and men of the world combined, with none of their faults. Early in his career he was accused—like Liszt Early in his career he was accused-like Liszt and Rubinstein in their day-of posing: wearing long hair, and that sort of thing; but these things were per-fectly natural; they were not personal "mannerisms," any more than was Mozart's long nose with the aid of which, by the way—have you heard the story?—he won a bet that he could strike five C's on the clavichord at

Beauty on the Stage

Nowadays we also expect woman above all things to show good breeding on the stage. I have before me an article accusing American girls—who are supposed to be paragons of perfection—of a long list of sins of omission and commission. The list is exaggerated; yet many are the debutantes and seasoned professionals who do not realize how much they could do, by grace and charm of deportment, to create in the critics and the rest of the audience a favorable impression before they begin to sing or play.

There is such a thing as hearing with the eyes. The supreme loveliness of Geraldine Farrar, when she made her début in New York as Juliette, would have gone a good way to win favor for her, even had she not sung with such beautiful voice and pathetic fervor.

Blanche Marchesi relates an incident which illustrates the stage value of beauty. Her mother, the famous teacher, was called one day by Gounod, who was in despair. He needed a Juliette for his opera and could find no singer who would do. "Have you one?" he asked. "Yes," replied Mme. Marchesi, "I have your Juliette. I have the most beautiful Juliette any Romeo ever looked in the face.

Gounod clasped her hand excitedly. "I shall never cease to be grateful if you speak the truth," he ex-

Next day the great teacher brought to his studio a young American student-Emma Eames. Gounod was so enchanted he nearly embraced her, and exclaimed: "If she sings half as well as she looks she is engaged." She sang, and he exclaimed: "You sing twice as well as you look; you are engaged."
"Her success," this writer adds, "was assured before

she had opened her mouth; but when she sang her waltz the whole house rose; a scene of enthusiasm was witnessed unparalleled since the day of the great Krauss.

For a pianist, personal beauty is less important; yet the possession of it was a distinct asset in the cases of -for instance-the two South Americans, Teresa Carreno and Guiomar Novaes

Critics are human; if they are honest, they do not say that a girl plays or sings well because she looks well; but all the same the impressions they get in concert halls are a blend, or composite, of sounds and sights, and the tone of their articles is affected by pleasant sights, as well as sounds. Bear that in mind.

Technical Stunts

But how about girls who lack beauty? Well, they might try something else than giving recitals or singing at the opera, wherein they labor at such a disadvantage However, grace, which is so important an adjunct to beauty, can be cultivated; and beauty, too, is so largely a matter of health that few girls who lead a normal life and do not become victims of dyspepsia, overeating, insufficient sleep or injudicious overwork need fear that the Metropolitan critics will be biased against them for non-musical reasons.

Turning to the purely musical side of the question, one of the important things the critics expect in a per-



former, as a matter of course, is rare technical skill. That they take for granted, as did Liszt whenever a new pupil came to him.

At the same time, they attach less importance to it than their predecessors used to do two or three generations ago. I recall the words of Clara Schumann regarding the once famous pianist Dreyschock: 'He has much digital skill, but no soul, and his style is atrocious. He created a furor at the Gewandhaus (Leipzig), imposing on the audience by rapidity of execution.

To-day, a pianist who tried to impose on an audience by rapidity of execution would be "roasted" by the critics. They expect dazzling digital skill, yes; but only as a means to an end, not as an end in itself. Liszt, as a youth, used digital skill as an end in itself; but, long before his genius matured, he denounced such an attitude as "virtuosity"; and ever since that time a more or less scornful opprobrium attaches to sheer virtuosity. Why should one laud rapidity of execution when any player-piano can beat a piano player "all 'round the

Sensible critics do not censure a good pianist for an occasional false note or chord. The fiendish difficulty of many pieces makes it almost impossible for players to be impeccable without making mere machines of them-

In an article printed in THE ETUDE some years ago, Rachmaninoff noted that Rubinstein indulged in his notorious wrong notes particularly when he was at his best; that is, when he was emotionally inspired; but when he took especial care to be accurate, his playing was less interesting.

Most hearers, including real critics, prefer an inspired player who errs occasionally to a dry cerebral pianist who never makes a mistake.

To be sure, there are critics who love to display their knowledge by carefully referring to every wrong note played by a great artist. That sort of thing cannot be helped. Artists should pay no attention to it. Vanity in some writers is incurable; the ego always comes first

It used to be said of a certain famous American critic that he would make an enemy of his best friend for the sake of a joke which would make his readers think "how witty he is!"

Mastering Stage Fright

One reason why critics expect public players or singers to have great technical facility is that without it no person of artistic sensibility can hope to escape the disadvantages of nervousness. To be nervous is to be obsessed by fear, that most destructive of all emotions. As long as you are afraid of the public you cannot concentrate your mind on the interpretation of the music and therefore cannot come up to critical expectations.

Stage fright is an outcome of vanity—the dread of making a fool, if not a "holy show" of yourself. The best way to fight nervousness, therefore, is to fight vanity. Think it over-ponder on the facts that your ego is of infinitesimal importance in this world; that of the billion and five hundred million or more people in the world only a handful are in the hall and nearly all of these will not remember a week hence whether you did well and what the critics afterward wrote about you. Furthermore, most of the persons in an average audience do not know really how well or how badly you do sing or play Bear that in mind, too, at the critical moment; it will help you to suppress fear.

Artists Versus Night Laborers

But the grandest of all remedies for nervousness is to crush vanity, to ignore your ego and concentrate all your soul-if you have one-on the composition you are rendering. In other words, give the impression that you are more interested in the music than in your personal success, and you will gain tremendously in the estimation of good critics. To lose their good-will the easiest way is to betray by your actions that you are not really in love with music, but look on it commercially -simply as a way to make your living.

There are thousands of respectable and highly educated persons to whom such an attitude on the part of the critics will seem strange-in fact, incomprehensible, Why, they ask, should not anybody who has the ability and opportunity, take to music solely to earn his bread and butter? Because musicians who are not in love with music are not artists but simply day-or rather night-laborers. There is no more reason why newspaper critics should write about them than about bricklayers or hod-carriers.

The Germans have words to indicate the difference between the two classes of performers Musikanten, for those who practice music solely for bread and butter reasons; and Musiker, for artists-that is, musicians who have not only technical proficiency but enthusiasm for their art and the power to make their

In order to pass muster with real critics you must therefore convince them that you are an artist and not a mere night or day laborer. If you are that and nothing more, you cannot hide it from an expert one moment. You may make money -and since that's what you are after, it ought to satisfy you-but you cannot expect to be admitted into the inner circle of genuine musi-

The greatest of American dramatic sopranos, Lillian Nordica, sums up this point forcibly in her recently published "Hints to Singers": "True success as a singer is impossible to those with whom the question is, 'How long will it take me to get on the stage, and how much shall I make when I get there?' The mercenary feeling cannot enter into it; one must study because one loves one's art-Love of art is the secret of true study."

Correct, Beautiful, Interesting

What critics expect of professional musicians might be summed up in an aphorism of Hans von Bülow, stating that the first thing to aim at is to play correctly; the next, beautifully; and then interestingly. There are plenty of pianists whose playing is so microscopically correct that every note is not only in its place, but also has its correct dynamic emphasis, and who nevertheless fail to make an impression because their musical lilacs and lilies lack fragrance—that is, what in music is called expression.

Beautiful playing is a factor in expressive playing, but by no means the whole of it. Cerebral pianists usually lack the gift of clothing their tones in beautiful garbs and that is why they fall below critical expectations. could give the names of several widely known men who play correctly, brilliantly, effectively, from an intellectual point of view, but who just fall short of real greatness because their ears have not guided them to the subtle use of the right-hand pedal for commingling overtones into ever-changing tone colors-things of beauty which are a joy forever.

Leschetizky's pre-eminence lay largely in his knowing how to teach colorful pedaling. It is not a mere accident that Paderewski, king of pedalists for rainbow tones, was a pupil of Leschetizky. Maud Powell's husband told me a few days ago how she taught two prominent pianists to use the right pedal for coloring—They simply didn't know! And they were delighted to find out!

To play interestingly is even more difficult than to play great many other things besides—everything compre-hended under the word expression—emotion, passion, pathos, tenderness, dramatic eloquence. To play or sing

Expression is what real critics look for above all things. It is the life, the warm blood of music. It means so many things that they could not even be hinted at in a final paragraph. If you desire detailed information on to musical success hereafter.

Don't be discouraged if I add that Maud Powell was right when she said that "the world is full of artists and musicians whose talent and ability command the deepest reverence, who, nevertheless, cannot swell boxoffice receipts by a single dollar for lack of that illusive quality of magnetism. The great public is moved by

ing because she was not in good voice.
"Never mind the voice!" exclaimed Gatti-Casazza.

The Boney Structure of the Hand

By Eugene F. Marks

"The workman is known by his tools." The physician must know each herb and chemical and the action of each of these on any organ of the human body. Should not the musician be just as intelligent concerning "the tools of his trade?"

The bones not only serve to support the soften constituents of the body, but they also articulate and act as levers. And it is this leverage power, as exhibited in the arms, hands and fingers, which is so advantageous to the pianist, especially in the development of power and speed. A bone possesses remarkable strength, estimated to equal nearly twice that of oak the same size, and is capable, also, of a greater degree of resistance to a crushing strain.

In studying the action of the hands and fingers in piano-playing, one should consider that it is upon the boney structure of these members that he depends for firmness and stability of touch, and carefully note that articulation is correctly performed at each jointure. Any bone deformity is liable to affect tone-production. In the skeleton of the hand it will be found that the palm possesses five long, strong bones, one for each digit, numbered from the thumb side (medial) towards the little finger (lateral). From this anatomical numbering it is easy to discern how music terms adhere to the scientific nomenclature, and why the thumb is designated by 1, and the other digits by 2, 3, 4, 5, according to their location from the thumb side. Of the five bones (metacarpel) forming the palm, that of the thumb is the shortest and stoutest; the second, the longest; while the others show a gradual reduction in length and size. It is owing to this gradual reduction in size and length that the fourth and fifth fingers require special atten-The four bones of the palm extending to the fingers lie in close proximity to each other, while that the thumb is separate and distinct from the others, holding a position all its own, which allows a movement peculiar to itself, and unpossessed by the other bones of the palm.

The finger bones (phalanges) are fourteen in number; two for the thumb and three for each finger. These are named numerically from the joints of articulation with the bones (proximal end) forming the palm to the end of the fingers, and not conversely (from the end of the finger to the palm of the hand) as many young pupils suppose. The first bone (phalanx) of the fingers is the stoutest and longest, consequently the strongest, and is the bone which gives stability to the fingers. The second bone (phalanx) is similar to the first, excepting it is smaller in size, and its use in piano-playing is to give reliability to the curve of the fingers. The third bone (terminal phalanx) is the smallest of the three, and is somewhat spatulated at the distal extremity, which naturally gives surety of touch to the tip of the finger. In the thumb the second bone is omitted, and the other two resemble the first and third phalanges of the fingers. These two phalanges working in harmony with the palm (metacarpai) bone of the thumb allow the placing of the thumb under the palm, as in scale passages; and also furnishes the quality of extension, as exemplified in octaves, chord, and other extended figures.

The action of the muscles has been purposely ignored, in order to show that the bones (which ordinarily receive scant attention) have an important part in the production of tone and in the quality of touch.

Echoes from the Work Shop

By Louis G. Heinze

The teacher must always be full of life. Liveliness and vivacity must always be under control of a quiet, earnest, grave condition and growing zeal; yes, even to inspiration.

The teacher must express himself with full intellectual power of the heart and head; nothing of weariness dare be apparent.

The pupil who does not force himself to learn in his youth loses the ability for his whole life.

No teacher can do more than until the fetters of a bound eagle; if you wish to fly, you must try out your own wings.

NOTHING is so dangerous as being too modern. One is apt to grow old-fashioned quite suddenly.

-OSCAR WILDE.



MANA-ZUCCA

Mana-Zucca was born in New York City, December 25, 1894. At a very early age she exhibited very unusual talent in music, making her first public appearance at the age of four, in standard works and improvisations. At eight years of age she created a real sensation by playing a Beethoven Concerto with the New York Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Walter Damrosch.

In America Mana-Zucca studied the piano under Alexander Lambert and composition under Herman Spielter. Later she studied in Europe with Godowsky and Busoni, composition with Max Vogrich and singing with Raimond von zur Muehlen. She concertized in Russia, Germany, France, Holland and England, creating great enthusiasm by her playing.

Mana-Zucca is rapidly finding a place among the leading American composers. Already more than a hundred of her compositions are in catalogs of our best publishers. These include works for piano, voice, violin, 'cello and orchestra. Her Piano Concerto she has played with the Los Angeles Symphony Orchestra and the National Symphony Orchestra. Her orchestral compositions have been on the programmes of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and the Russian Symphony Orchestra.

The works from the pen of Mana-Zucca are of unusually even worth as to real interest and musical values. This doubtless is the result of her severe self-criticism and unwillingness that anything shall come before the public until it has been through a careful polishing process. Her compositions show a creative ability possessed only by the elect and are "always melodic, musicianly and interesting."

Being a superb pianist, it is but natural that her compositions for this instrument should be expressed in the idioms of the instrument and that, above all, they should be playable. Her "Princess," for piano, appears in this issue of The Etude. Other recent piano pieces are: Pierrot and Pierrette, A Happy Birthday and Broken Toys.

The Legato Touch

By Ogla C. Moore

Too many piano pupils use the pedal as a makeshift for a certain effect which the fingers really should accomplish—namely, the pure finger legato touch. In compositions having sustained tones, giving a religious character to the piece, pupils should listen for the upper melody tones, to see that they flow connectedly. Then creep with a clinging pressure touch to the next tones (without striking the keys), slipping other fingers silently but quickly on the notes just played, allowing the first set of fingers to be used on the following notes. (Should it be necessary to use the same fingers more times in succession, slip other fingers quickly and silently on the notes, as before). We call this making Organ Tones. By listening to Organ Music, pupils soon get the idea and imitate the legato effect on the piano.

Favorite Instruments of the Great Composers

By W. Francis Gates

NEARLY all of the great composers played excellently; and some of them were celebrated as virtuosos. As a general thing, these great musicians did not confine themselves to one instrument but were proficient on several, Wagner, perhaps, being the best known of the composers who had no particular note as instrumentalist; though he hammered out his themes and some of the treatment on the piano.

In the olden days, there seems to have been something of a preference among composers for the violin, and most writers of that day played it more or less, among them Bach, Haydn, Beethoven and Schubert.

Mozart, however, was a violin, as well as harpsichord, virtuoso. His father wrote him that he could be the first violinist in Europe, if he would but practice. When he was seventeen he was playing violin concertos in public, but three years later had forsaken the violin for harpsichord and piano.

Bach is known primarily as an organist, though he also was a harpsichordist and played other instruments. Handel also was at his best at the organ, as likewise was Mendelssohn. Schubert was an expert ensemble player, early becoming an expert violinist.

Spohr was one of the greatest violinists of his day and wrote much for his instrument. Dvŏrák also was a violinist, possibly the greatest composer-viclinist of the last half century. Tschaikowsky also was something of a violinist, possibly about as much as Haydn.

When we come to the piano, it was the favorite instrument of the composers of the last half century. While it was played by Mozart and Haydn, Beethoven really set the fashion for great composers to be great pianists. He ranked among the greatest virtuosos of his day.

Weber was a concert pianist, as was Brahms. Berlioz played the piano somewhat, but Chopin, his French contemporary, was the poet par excellence, of piano playing. Rossini was a brilliant pianist and Richard Strauss also plays excellently, though heard little of late years in public. Meyerbeer and Debussy were, and nearly all of the modern French composers are, pianists.

But most brilliant of all pianists—as Paganini was among violinists—was Franz Liszt. In his day he had rivals, but their names and works are almost lost, save to the reader of musical history. Liszt shone as the bright particular sun of pianists, around whose fame, and following in whose wake came the long list of modern pianists.

While Paganini wrote exclusively for his own instrument, the violin, Liszt did even more for the orchestra than for the piano; and his impress, through his own works and those who rather closely followed his new ideas was such that modern music owes much to him.

Out of Tune—Out of Music

By Caroline V. Wood

A STRINGED instrument out of tune is like a moving picture out of focus. The average person knows instantly what is the matter when a picture is out of focus, but they can not always tell what is wrong when an instrument is out of tonal focus. They are, however, conscious that something is wrong; and many a player has lost a reputation by playing upon a badly tuned instrument.

One comes across so many students (especially those whose ear is not very keen) who pick up their violins of their 'cellos and start practicing without stopping to find out whether the instruments are in tune. In fact there are many who seem not to be able to tune a stringed instrument by their ear. If this is the case, they should at least have a pitch pipe and spend some time learning to tune their instruments by its aid. The importance of this cannot be over-estimated.

It is worse than useless to practice on a stringed instrument that is out of tune, because not only is one not learning the correct reaches, but also he is getting into the habit of making the wrong reaches; and it is much more difficult to undo something that has become habitual and relearn it, than it is to learn it correctly in the first place.

In fact, one might almost say, "Out of Tune, Out of Music"

It is an absurd error to suppose that fine soloists cannot succeed in ensemble work, or as accompanists. Those who fail have been poorly grounded in their art.

-Moore.



Should Piano Playing Undergo a Radical Reform?

An Interview Secured Exclusively for the Etude With the Famous Virtuoso

VLADIMIR DE PACHMANN

Who at the Age of Seventy-five Has Remolded His Entire Repertoire According to New Principles Which He Claims Are of Paramount Importance

Editor's Note: Vladimir De Pachmann was born in Odessa, July 27, 1848. At first he was a pupil of his father, who for years was a Professor of Roman Law at the University and a highly cultivated amateur violinist. Later, in 1886, he became a pupil of Dachs at the Vienna Conservatory. He has repeatedly created furores by his tours in Europe and in America. He was knighted by the Danish government in 1885 and in 1916 received the highly coveted Beethoven medal from the London Philharmonic Society. In 1884 he married his former pupil, Maygie Oakey, a fine pianist and composer whose opera "Yato" was produced in Paris in 1913. After their divorce she became the wife of Fernand Labori, the trial which startled Europe. De Pachmann is famed for his lovely velvety touch and his exquisite performances of Chopin.

"It is regrettable that any newspaper should have quoted me as saying anything so outrageous as that I approved of playing the king of instruments, the piano, with stiff wrists. Before attempting to explain the new principles upon which I have seen fit to re-work my entire repertoire, let me say that it is impossible to play the piano with stiff wrists and produce anything but execrable results. Flexible wrists are the basis of all good piano playing; and it would be mad for anyone who has been before the public as a virtuoso for half a century to say anything to the contrary. I have heard all of the great pianists of my time and those who have achieved the most artistic results are those who have

had least constraint at the wrist joint.

"When I arrived in this country early in the fall, I was overwhelmed by reporters who were only too anxious too secure something sensational and who in most cases seemed totally ignorant of the piano, to say nothing of the art of music when considered on a lofty plane. They utterly misinterpreted my thought; and if I now make a statement of the most emphatic kind it would be that the new principles I have been working upon are the very opposite of anything like a stiff wrist. I realize that such a false statement might become current and do a great deal of damage; and therefore I am glad of this opportunity to express myself exactly upon these most important points.

Piano Most Complete Instrument

"When I first commenced the study of music I was six years old. My father was a violinist and a man of great foresight. Naturally, he taught me the violin; and it was not until I was ten years old that he saw that my chief interest was in the piano. Then he started to teach me the piano. The piano is the finest solo instrument in the world; because it is complete. It is even more complete than the organ because its keyboard, its normal expressive range, is greater although its variety of tone is not as great as that of the organ. I have never liked any of the other solo instruments as such. In the combination of the grand orchestra they are magnificent; but otherwise they seem incomplete to me.

"In my early pianistic training my father was too much concerned in teaching me music to take any time with the niceties of touch or technic. Of hand position I knew nothing. My texts at the beginning were the ordinary instruction books. If I remember rightly, they were those of Muller or Adams, the ancestors of thousands of similar books which have appeared since then and are so necessary in introducing the little child to the

mysteries of music and the keyboard.

Study as Much Music as You Possibly Can

"The main thing in early training is to master as much music as you can. The repertoire of the instrument is enormous. My father was a critic but not a pianist. He merely advised me but could not show me how. I studied everything that came my way. How long did I practice? It would be easier to find out how long I didn't. I was at work at it all the time. Good health permitted me to work enormously. I felt that either you play or you don't. If I was to encompass the great art, all the time was none too much for me to work. Of



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course, the student must grade his work and it is a great mistake to jump ahead to greater difficulties until one has mastered one grade and played an enormous amount of music in that. Now music is very cheap; and I would advise the student to play everything he can lay his hands upon, just as a hungry boy devours a meal. If he encounters a difficulty and it does not disappear after one hundred repetitions he should play it a thousand times. Artistic and pianistic ideals of touch, tone, phrasing, nuance, fingering must be held at the highest possible level and never given up until they are as fine as possible.

"I studied, largely by myself, Bach, Beethoven, Chopin and the then popular Thalberg, everything. Working alone, it was necessary for me to do a great deal and the student who is pining for a great teacher may, in this day of low-priced music, work by himself and acquire a technic and a repertoire which would put to shame some of the students who use a teacher as a kind of crutch. This was certainly my own experience. Everything depends upon your deep-seated love for the art your willingness to sacrifice and your endurance. If you can not have a teacher, do not think of giving up, but work, work! Let me recount my own experience when I went to Dachs.

De Pachmann Never Advocated "Stiff Wrists"

Upon his arrival in America, Mr. De Pachmann was widely quoted in the public press as advocating "stiff wrists." This he repudiates. The error was doubtless due to the fact that the famous pianist's language like himself is thoroughly cosmopolitan. He rarely talks one tongue longer than a few minutes at a time and is liable to mix several languages in one sentence. Unless the listener is well versed in French, German and Italian as well as English, he stands a scant chance of getting at the inner meaning of this historic genius of the keyboard. Just what De Pachmann really does mean was secured by the ETUDE representative during a session lasting five

"Dachs was considered one of the greatest piano teachers of his day. He had been a pupil of Czerny and was a most careful and exacting pedagog. When I was twelve years old my brother made me a birthday present of the Forty-eight Fugues of the "Well-tempered Clavichord" of Bach. I adored them as study material. When I went to Dachs for my two lessons a week he assigned me two fugues for the first one. When I came I asked what key he would like to hear them played in. He thought this was a joke and named a difficult key, But after I had played them he called in the director of the conservatory and had him listen. Then I told him that I could play any of the fugues in any key and they were both amazed. I cite this merely to show the student who is struggling along without a high-priced teacher that even the authorities of a great conservatory can be astonished by what real love for playing and hard work can produce. Of course, I played the fugues from memory. After this I played for them the Chopin Sonata in B Minor and they saw that a very different course would have to be devised for me. Many of the graduates of the conservatory, with all the advantages of years of study under great experts, could not have done as much as I did virtually alone. The instruction in those days was two golden a lesson. Alas! what would four kronen buy in Austria now?

The Real Secret

"Piano students are always looking for some great secret of success. There are no real secrets but love of the art and enormous work. This must of course be combined with thoroughly natural conditions of the hand and arm which I shall describe later with some detail. Even to-day, at the age of seventy-five, I find that I must practice five or six hours a day. This has been made necessary by the fact that I have reworked down to the finest detail my entire repertoire; and I refuse to play a piece unless this has been done. I have no charlatan's trick to sell at great price. It is all so simple that I cannot see why some one has not chanced upon this fundamental principle before. Since I have been playing in this way critics in European centres have made more flattering comments than ever before and have been making comparisons with great pianists of the past and present which are superlative.

Fluidity in Playing

"During my three-score and fifteen years I have heard many times all the great pianists of the day. I have watched them closely. Liszt himself attended my first concert in Budapest. He sat in the first row; and after the concert we had supper together in my quarters. At the end of the concert he came upon the stage and congratulated me most effusively, even going so far as saying, 'I wish that Chopin had heard you play.' Later in the evening I played his arrangement of Auf Flügeln des Gesanges and he said, 'So, I like it,' with great eithusiasm. He then played his arrangement of Chopin's Chant Polonaise. I shall never forget it. It was like some wonderful voice singing. Liszt was transcendentally the greatest of all pianists. He played like a god.

"Later I met Liszt at his home in Rome, during a time when Richard Wagner was staying with him. I had the honor of playing for both of them. I played the Chopin Ballade in G minor and was again overwhelmed by the generous praise of both. Liszt insisted that I played it better than Chopin who had mannerisms

in his playing at times.

"During all these years it seemed to me that the greatest method of playing the piano was that in which the masterpiece to be interpreted could be permitted to come from the soul of the interpreter to the instrument with the greatest possible fluidity. Of course, this presupposes that the interpreter must be possessed of the highest musicianship and an all-adequate technic. Yet I always felt that there was something which impeded the message, something which clogged up the lines of muscles and nerves. This very thought preyed upon me for years. I could not sleep at night because of it.

Thinking did not seem to solve the problem; because I knew that there must be some fundamental principle underlying the whole thing. Inspiration did what thinking would not do; and I discovered that the whole trouble lay in the wrist. The wrists were not free. Easily said-but WHY?

"Perhaps a simple experiment will serve to illustrate. Put your elbow upon the table and let your forearm fall with your hand in comfortable playing condition. Do not curve the fingers too much, because that is

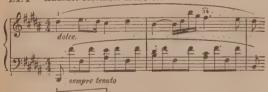
'Now, with the hand and forearm in this position, move the hand (without moving the forearm) as far as possible to the left and hold it in that position for a few moments. You will notice at once that there is a strain at the joint of the wrist. Now move the hand in the opposite direction and there is likewise a strain. It is this strain that, to my mind, distorts the muscular and the nervous condition of the hand and the forearm and results in much horrible playing. The tone cannot be musical and beautiful if the wrist is stiff or strained in this manner. Therefore I never move the hand from side to side. The lateral movement occurs at the elbow or at the shoulder and not at the wrist. The hand is on a straight line with the arm. Is this 'stiff wrists?' On the contrary it is the very opposite, and the one sure remedy for stiff wrists. The hands and arms are always free and unconstrained.

"Having discovered this, I began to find that, whereas I had been unable to practice for long periods in later years without fatigue, I was now able to play for hours and hours and 'never feel it.'

"What was the result? I resolved to rework, arrange my entire repertoire upon this new basis. This meant refingering hundreds and hundreds of pages of music. You see, the music editors for the publishers are first of all fine musicians and only secondarily pianists. They do not understand and recognize the difficulties of the instrument. Even a great mind like von Bulow did not recognize this. If the music forced the hand into an awkward position it was immaterial. As a result of this they paid attention to indicating the harmonic structure of the work by writing the different parts or voices on different clefs, with little consideration for the pianist's hand. Even in as highly pianistic a composer as Chopin, if one follows the best editions upon the market, the hand is often forced into painfully strained positions. I will not 'spoil' my playing hand in this way. If I encounter a passage which demands strain I work with it, refinger it, rearrange it until the strain disappears. This has obliged me to make thousands of changes of hand positions and fingerings.

"This adds difficulty at first; but the artistic reward enormous. Take Chopin's exquisite Nocturne in B Major and rework it yourself, remembering that there must be no disturbance of the normal position of the hand, no lateral movement at the wrists to squeeze the nerves and muscles and make your playing hard and unmusical.

Andante sostenuto M. M. J = 72



De Pachmann sat at the keyboard and played the lovely Chopin masterpiece with a dreamlike, songlike, velvetlike tone which is historic in this master of the instrument. Coming to the end, he stopped and said, "Here is something that Liszt told me, 'When Chopin was writing this it was in a house in which were a number of young people. He heard them approaching. He was indignant at the disturbance and looked up and finished the noc-



"See," exclaimed De Pachmann with emotion, handling a long grey Alpaca coat, ragged and bronzed with years, "this was Chopin's own coat. It came to me through friends of George Sand. I have had it for years. It is over eighty years old. I take it with me everywhere. Is it not an inspiration even to touch something of so great a master?

The Composers' Birth Months

By Will Cowan

In tracing the birth records of a large number of composers, one finds little to serve as a key to their types or talents. Not only do we find the season of the year in which they were born having seemingly nothing to do with their genius, but also individuals of the most divergent talents are discovered grouped indiscriminately in the various months. Notwithstanding this, the study of the following table is of no little interest; and readers will be curious to learn the group with which they belong. The names in black type represent the more famous of the composers judging from wide and long popular acclaim. March, June and December seem to be the favored months, while April claims no really great master.

January:

Auber Balakireff, Bruch, Mozart, Schubert.

February

Beriot (de), Boito, Czerny, Handel, Mendelssohn, Rossini.

Arne, Bach, Chopin, Haydn, d'Indy, Leoncavallo,

Moussorgsky, Srauss (Johann).

Audran, Flotow, Spohr.

Balfe, Brahms, Halévy, Heller, Rimsky-Korsakoff, Sullivan, Tschaikowsky.

Elgar, Glinka, Gounod, Grieg, Offenbach, Puccini, Schumann, Strauss (Richard).

Gluck, Mahler.

August:

Barnby, Chaminade, Coleridge-Taylor, Debussy, Moszkowski.

September:

Cherubini, Dvořák, Humperdinck, Meyerbeer.

Bizet, Liszt, Saint-Saëns, Verdi.

Bellini, Bishop, Donizetti.

Beethvoen, Berlioz, Franck, MacDowell, Mascagni, Wagner, von Weber.

Do It Again

By S. M. C.

In these days when short cuts have become a mania, and "hop-skip-and-jump" mental habits are being formed and fostered in the youth of the land by the modern way of living, music pupils are inclined to lose sight of the fact that perseverance, endurance, constant application, and almost endless repetition of apparently insignificant details, are requisite to developing traits of thorough musicianship.

But how can this be impressed upon the individual pupil, when lessons have been curtailed to such a degree as to make it impossible for the teacher, unless he be a wonderworker, to give that serious and painstaking attention which the pupil has a right to expect? The lesson oftentimes consists of a hurried and superficial rendition of étude, piece, and, perhaps, scale, followed by advice and direction for studying another étude, piece, and scale, which will never be heeded, because the teacher has not the time to enforce it, nor the opportunity to see that his directions are carried out.

The writer recently visited a school where a geometry class was in session. Pupil after pupil was called to the board to demonstrate. If a mistake was made in stating the proposition, the teacher required repetition after repetition until it could be given without a flaw. Then came the proof; and here absolutely no slipshod work was tolerated. The least mistake called forth a merciless 'Do It Again," from the teacher, whom long experience had hardened against sighs and tears. When finally the end of the proof was reached, and the demonstrator was rejoicing in the thought that he could lay down the chalk and go to his seat, there came another "Do It Again," and the whole long proof had to be repeated, willy-nilly and woe betide the pupil who failed.

Would it not be wise for some music teachers to have a little more of the "Do It Again" policy in their teaching? A certain type of pupils which is entirely too numerous, balks at the idea of repetition. Pupils, who do not blush to admit, "I played it over once or twice," think that they ought to be assigned a new study or exercise at each lesson; and it requires an amount of moral courage on the part of the teacher to make them stick to a piece until they can render it at least creditably. This class of pupils must be taught that it is better to have a line well learned, than a long piece carelessly and thoughtlessly gone over; and if they cannot be trusted to do their work thoroughly at home, they should at least be forced to do so at the lesson.

Even though these delinquent pupils should consider us hard and unyielding when we require numberless repetutions, the "Do It Again" will linger in their memories and influence their character long after lessons have



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How to Avoid Fumbling at the Keyboard

By LESLIE FAIRCHILD



What would it be worth to you if given the secret of practicing so that your chances of hitting wrong notes in the performance of a composition were minimized to a marked degree? Yet this is one of the problems every plane studies beginning biano studies.

You do know that if you had this sense of security, here would be more freedom and abandon to your playing, which in turn would greatly help to banish much of he fear experienced while playing for others.

Some pupils are natural-born fumblers, while others have a remarkable gift of accuracy. Half way between hese two extremes the average pianists find their level; and to this group of earnest workers this article will be of exceptional value.

Accuracy in piano playing is the direct result of applying certain principles that tend to eliminate striking arong notes. Those who possess this sense of exactness practice these principles unconsciously and are at a loss to explain the theory as to how they accomplish such results. Others less endowed may rest assured it can be acquired by a thorough understanding and diligent practice of the principles involved.

Prepare in Advance

To do justice to any work that requires a certain amount of skill, one must be thoroughly prepared in advance. No more striking illustration can be brought some to the pianist than given in those compositions that call upon him to execute wide skips or intervals that are a dread to perform in public for fear some of the sotes will be struck wrong or omitted. Yet this fear can be overcome in many instances, which will result in a certain amount of sureness that will render one's playing clean cut and allow more freedom for interpretation.

All this can be brought about by understanding the principles. The first to be noticed will be that of "preparing notes." This is, in fact, one of the greatest aids to the pianist. The gist of the idea is to place the desired finger on the right key just a fraction of a moment before time to strike it, thereby eliminating all possible chances of fumbling for them at the last moment.

The following preparatory exercises will greatly help o acquire the skill of preparing notes. The student who lesires to go into this subject more thoroughly and lequire a mastery of this valuable suggestion is referred to the original exercise by Alberto Jonas in his Master School, Book 1, Vol. 2, page 431. These exercises will levelop not only speed but nimbleness as well.



Practice this also on D.E.F., and various pitches, in various tempos and with the third finger.



With the same changes as Ex. 1.

Each note that follows is prepared on the half count. On count one middle C is struck; on "and" the finger is placed directly over the next C; on count 2 this C is truck, and so on.

Practice also in octaves and chords. Then, the two ands may be united in these same exercises.

After this select and practice such passages as the ollowing:

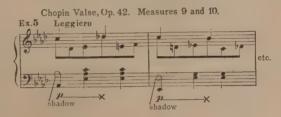


The next principle to be considered will be that of tainty of playing the left hand part of a waltz where the first beat of each measure has a single note at a large interval from the two chords which follow on the second and third beats. This difficulty is more apparent when one is somewhat nervous and playing in public.

Overcoming this difficulty is accomplished by employing the principle of preparation, together with what is known as shadowing the octave. There is a greater sense of security when feeling the reach of an octave than when reaching for a single remote note with the fifth finger.



Practice such examples as the following, at first by striking the full octave, then later by just shadowing the top note with the thumb.



This shadowing can be employed to very good advantage in gaining speed and clearness in passage playing. Take for example the second theme of Rachmaninoff's Prelude Op. 3, No. 2. By shadowing each chord the fingers are always hovering over the right notes instantly ready for attack on keys. At first, practice the passage in full chords using the exact fingerings as if doing the running passages. By working these chords up to a fair tempo you are training the fingers to shadow the chords rapidly, thereby bringing the fingers in quick succession over the desired notes.

Practice a section thus:



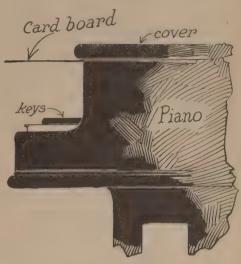


In passages where wide skips occur and the tempo is too fast to permit preparation of any of the notes, one has to rely solely on the ability to measure distances accurately.

The following exercises will assist the student greatly in helping to measure distances with precision and to dash them off with a certain amount of sureness.



The student should invent original exercises similar to the model given below and may choose passages from various compositions he is studying. Practice making these skips without looking at the keyboard. A good idea is to use a piece of cardboard to hide the keys from view, as shown in the illustration.



Make the skips from the middle of the keyboard up, then reverse the idea, making the skips from the top down. Practice by using various octaves and chords.

Another difficulty hindering accuracy will be encountered in playing consecutive black keys. This can be overcome by making the attack with fingers held somewhat flat in order to give a greater bearing surface; otherwise the fingers are apt to slip off owing to these being narrower than the white keys. No better example of this situation can be found than in measures 31 to 34 of Cyril Scott's Lotus Land. Prove the above for yourself, first with high arched fingers then with fingers held almost flat.

Mental Pictures

Finally, the student should always form a clearly defined mental picture of the difficult situation to be mastered. The source of all too many technical inaccuracies can be traced directly to a lack of this. The blame is too often laid to the fingers when the real trouble can be located in the main office, the brain.

Much of the physical exertion used in mastering difficult passages may be greatly minimized if the pupil will stop playing long enough to visualize vividly the notes, fingerings, accents, and *correct motions* required to execute a passage properly. One must have a splendid mental technic as well as a finger technic in order to gain a mastery of the piano.

Beethoven's "Novelties" in Instrumentation

By Lynne Roche

BEETHOVEN increased the number of instruments in the orchestra by additions to those of the clarinet and oboe type. He also made advances beyond his predecessors in the freedom and independence with which he used the wind instruments, strings and drums.

Beethoven was the first composer to recognize the true value of the drums. Study the Scherzi of the "Eroica" and "C Minor" symphonies. In the Dona Nobis of his "Mass in D" the drums are in B-flat and F, a key foreign to that of the movement. He departed from the Tonic and Dominant tuning of the drums. In the second act of "Fidelio" they are at a diminished fifth, A-natural and E-flat. In the "Eighth Symphony" and in the Scherzo of the "Ninth Symphony" the drums are

Probably the first instance of the use of three horns in the orchestra is in the trio of his "Eroica;" and a noteworthy innovation is the four horns in the "Ninth Symplony"

Chats With Serious Piano Students

By Sidney Silber

Self-Realization

Has it ever occurred to you that it might be well to indulge in independent thinking concerning your study and general progress? Has it ever occurred to you, that unless you do so indulge, the chances of ever attaining more than a respectable mediocrity are decidedly dubious? History and experience teach us that only those who think for themselves ever achieve prominence of pre-eminence in any department of human activity. How erroneous, then, is the attitude of multi-udes of presumably serious students that, because they are studying with some prominent or even famous pedagog, they too must achieve as notable results as some students of this master have already attained? Let it be said, at the outset, that the road to notable achievement is never traversed through blind faith in any teacher. Faith in the efficient teacher's ability to lead you along the best paths, there must be: but never blind faith.

The purpose here is to discuss the vital elements of musical education generally and pianistic progress in particular. The central injunction always will be, "Strive to know thyself." That is the ideal and practical goal. By far the largest number of the world's greatest masters were self-taught. Necessity—inner as well as external—simply compelled them to strike out for themselves. In so doing they very frequently discovered new and better methods than those in vogue. Only in this manner has human progress ever been effected; only in this manner has human experience been enriched. Self-realization, then, with the aid of an artistic mentor, should produce that originality which the world ever welcomes and indeed stands in need of. The very first commandment to the serious student is: "Strive to know thyself."

Vital Questions

What really, then, is your ultimate goal? Are you steadily approaching it? These are the keys to the solution of your problem of self-realization. Have you ever tried to answer them? Are you studying because your parents, relatives and friends think you are gifted, or are you studying because you yourself know that you love music? Is there an inner urge which simply impels you to study, irrespective of what others think and say concerning your attainments? Have you, finally, a real soul hunger for music which can be satisfied only through serious study and self-expression? Such questions can and should be answered by you alone.

Studying for Appreciation

Without any doubt the vast majority of students are, consciously or unconsciously, pursuing their study to gain a better understanding, appreciation, and a keener love of music. That is, assuredly, a most laudable purpose. Thousands of students gain these ends without great advances in the power to execute. But do not large numbers of students reason that, because they love music, they must also have the power to interpret? This does not necessarily follow. If all students who love music were destined to become interpreters, there would be far fewer listeners than at present. Every normal human being responds to the musical appeal. Even animals do. It is axiomatic that to love music is a most natural and normal attribute. The fact, however, that you are studying for your own personal pleasure and enlightenment does not excuse you from understanding the basic principles of piano playing which apply, as well, to those who are.

Studying for Self-Expression

Every normal human being has an innate desire to express himself in his individual manner. It need not necessarily be through the medium of sound. Numerous other mediums are at your disposal. If you have chosen the tonal medium, it is incumbent upon you to take an inventory from time to time of the progress you have made along this line. The word of your teacher is not sufficient. You must see and hear for yourself. It cannot be denied that large numbers of teachers are forced to teach in order to live. The law of self-preservation often compels them to give unwarranted encouragement to pupils for no other reason than to gain for themselves the wherewithal to keep body and soul together. This applies to all professions. The pedagogical calling has no corner on incompetence or insincerity. Is there not every reason for you to commune with yourself and religiously cherish your divine prerogative to think and act for yourself. Musi-

cal progress, like all spiritual growth, cannot be delegated entirely to another human being. If you do not see evidences of steady progress, if neutral outsiders do not see such evidences, you had better make a change in teachers, study independently or—discontinue study entirely.

Limits and Limitations of Students

There is no gainsaying the fact that every individual has limitations in his possibilities for development. These are biological as well as psychological. Heredity and environment are the two most powerful factors determining our lives and places in the world. All things being equal, the talented individual can never attain the greatest heights open to the genius. But it nevertheless remains true that a person of talent, who pursues his course rationally, persistently and conscientiously, will invariably outstrip the undisciplined genius. Nature invariably shows us the way. Deep down in our heart of hearts we realize from time to time whether the work in hand is satisfying a vital need of our souls. We find happiness and success in proportion to our consciousness of growth and achievement.

Unheard Practice

By William V. Kozlenko

HAVE you ever practiced silently? That is, have you ever practiced without touching your instrument? If not, then one of the best means toward developing the musical intellect, as well as aiding composition, is being ignored.

This ability is not so hard to acquire. First try it with but a single measure. Study every detail of this—the notation, the fingering, the phrasing, the pedaling till you can reproduce them in your mind. Then play it on the instrument to test the accuracy of your mental picture and especially if it has been "heard" aright. Then master the next measure; then the two together, and so on 'till a whole period is under control, and finally the whole composition.

At first it may be best to study each hand separately, and then the two together to get the complete harmony. Leave off the instrument for a few minutes; then try to recall the mental picture and to play it again.

This silent study develops ability in several directions. (1) Wherever one may be, he can read a new composition and hear it mentally, thus getting an intelligent idea of what it will sound like.

(2) It improves accuracy in reading.

(3) It enlarges the sight reading capacity.

(4) It develops the memory, making it to work much more rapidly, and thus making possible a much larger repertoire

(5) It increases the capacity of the composer, making it possible for him to write out his ideas at any time, without recourse to an instrument. This was the method of most of the master composers.

This power may be of slow growth; it may necessitate much patient study; but the rewards will more than repay all such effort.

The Importance of Accompanying

By Caroline V. Wood

A PIANO student never should miss an opportunity of accompanying a singer or soloist on another instrument. This is excellent practice; and then a pianist never knows when he will be called upon for this duty; and he will feel more confidence if he has had experience. Whenever possible he should get this practice under the supervision of his teacher, who will be able to offer valuable criticisms which always should be welcomed.

Not every pianist makes a good accompanist. The successful accompanist must be able to merge his individuality into that of another so that his work becomes a part of the interpretation of the soloist. He must let the soloist lead. Not that he should follow along after the soloist; but the soloist always has the privilege of setting the tempo as well as any variations of it.

The voice and stringed instruments have the power of sustaining a tone far beyond the limits of the piano, so the accompanist must bear this in mind and give the soloist full liberty at such points in the work. All these things can be learned only by actual experience. The making of a really successful accompanist usually means years of careful, conscientious effort.

Taken all the world over, in every age and every clime, there is no art so much loved for itself as music.

—TAPPER.

Play As You Think—Think As You Play

By Elia Marie Powers

The principle of auto-suggestion can often be applied with success in teaching the piano. More especially may the teacher aid the nervous pupil by imparting some of its principles.

For example, an advanced pupil was a nervous young lady. One day, when taking her lesson, she stated that she had practiced her solo over and over again, but a certain part of it was always a failure. Then she added, "I just cannot play it, and I know I never will be able to do that part well."

The Failure Thought

Now, the reason for her repeated failures was that she constantly held in her mind the thought that her fingers would not strike the correct notes. The thought of failure was uppermost in her mind.

"I never can strike that high note and get back to the right low note on time!" she exclaimed, in despair.

Her solo was Rubinstein's Valse Caprice, and we alknow the section where the high B-flat is followed by the lower E-flat. When she dropped both hands in her lay and looked the abject picture of despair, I decided to try the effect of a real treatment in auto-suggestion.

Think Success

I explained to her that I felt quite sure that, if she would keep in her mind the thought that she could play it correctly, then her finger would strike the high B-fla and immediately and easily fall to the low E-flat. I she would hold to this thought and have real and absolute faith in the idea, realization would follow automatically.

"You must think success," I urged. "Your former fear of making a mistake has been the very thing that has induced failure. Your whole mind has been perme ated with failure. Now, banish that idea entirely. Thinf only of positive accuracy and success." Some time was spent in encouraging her, giving her self-confidence in stead of fear, with which she had been filled. As long as she held the idea of failure, all her efforts were powerless to overcome the trouble. Her labor and extreme tension but made matters worse.

"I Can Play It"

"Now," I continued, "for more than a week you have been thinking this part of your solo was impossible for you; consequently, you have not been able to play it because what we think becomes true for us. Now, Mis Winn, think and say aloud, 'I can play it. I can play it.' She looked doubtfully at me. "Say it! Say it aloue with me and listen to the sound of that sentence as you do so. Repeat with me, 'I can play this.'"

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"Good!" I exclaimed, when she had complied. "Say with me, 'I can; I can; I can!" The young lady die so, laughing with me. We both repeated these word several times. She really began to show a bit of faith Then she was told to slowly strike the correct notes She did so.

"Easy, isn't it?" I encouraged her. Then she said aloud with me the word "Easy!" after each correct trial Power and self-confidence were beginning to supplan her fear; she played the part correctly.

How Easy!

"You will play that part correctly to me next week and go through it with ease," I said. "Keep saying, I can I can; I can!" every time you play it. Let these word become fixed in your memory. Your fingers will obe your perfect thought. Have no forebodings; instead o being anxious about it, you will gain a feeling of absolut control and calmness. Fear and distrust will not cominto your mind. It will vanish entirely. You see alread that you have an immense power within you by which you can make a success of this task. You will regard this particular part of your solo as easy. Such words a 'Difficult,' 'Impossible' and 'I can't' will entirely disappea from your mind. You will laugh and say, 'How easy this is! I can play this all right. Why did I ever mak such a fuss about it?' Your accomplishment will be the result of your own thought. You are the masterful director."

The young lady played her solo correctly the nex week.

Music is the harmonious voice of creation, an ech of the invisible world, one note of the divine concor which the entire universe is destined one day to sound.

-Mazzin



The Remarkable Life of George Frideric Handel

New Aspects of the Dramatic Experiences of the Composer of "THE MESSIAH," as Told By the Able English Critic

NEWMAN FLOWER

(Editor's Note—The following material is ibstracted in part from one of the most notable usic books ever published, George Frideric

OF all the great composers of history, certain ones uite naturally stand out by force of their striking indi-idualities as well as by their compositions. Among lesse may be reckoned Beethoven, Wagner, Paganini, lesst and in a very marked degree, George Frideric Hancl. It is therefore with delight that we investigate new hases of the life of this most energetic and active musical force of the early eighteenth century. This is made ossible by connecting a few extracts from the most exensive work on his life that has appeared in many years. George Frideric Handel was born in the little Saxon two of Halle, February 23d, 1685. (His name its German form was Georg Friederich Handel—thus ccounting for the peculiar spelling of Frideric and the ccasional spelling of the last name as Hendel.)

Handel's father, a barber, surgeon, innkeeper and valet the Prince of Saxe-Magdeburg, was married twice, e second time at the age of sixty-two, to Dorothea aust. The composer was their second child.

"Many choirs existed in Halle. The town choir, the toirs from the schools, choirs that sang in the streets in out of citizens' houses and thrived on chance charity frown from the windows to put an end to what was too equently an irritating noise. Some one was always singing public in Halle in those days. Occasionally the singers are given a piece of cloth and a spasmodic education-by me ancient charity, according to the regularity of their nging. To become musical, therefore, was to ally oneself the a species of street vagrants, to descend in public teem and to be the certain occupier of a charitable cubicle the end of it all."

Handel at the Duke's Court

The stories of Handel's visit with his father to the ourt of the Duke of Saxe Weissenfels, have been numeras but are hard to authenticate. It was there, hower, that the organist of the chapel, upon seating the rungster at the organ, discovered that he seemed to have ome uncanny instinct for music. One Sunday the Duke ard the nine-year-old boy improvising a voluntary, de-

"In vain the barber-surgeon expostulated as energetiily as he dared. He intended the child for the law and

Handel and His Times, by Newman Flower, Houghton, Mifflin Company, a work of 378 pages with many illustrations entirely new to the pres-

no minor talents must defeat what the doctor believed to be the boy's destiny. But to ignore gifts like these in a child was to fly in the face of God, the Duke declared. He produced some money and filled George Frideric's small pocket with it."

The child was then placed in the hands of Zachow, the organist at the Liebfrauenkirche in Halle. Zachow was a nusical zealot and a composer who could play all of the instruments.

"He worked Handel ruthlessly at all instruments, and in Italian and German forms of composition, so much that had not the hours with Zachow been a joy rather than a burden to the boy, the heaviness of the instruction would have broken his heart. Young Handel composed, it is said, a church service every week."

Handel in Berlin

"Handel went to Berlin in 1696, where the Electress Sophia Charlotte, wife of the future Frederick the Great, made her court a 'mad riot of music.' She held courts at all times, often in the dead of night, and in all places. Some of the best Italian musicians were migrating northward to the welter of color and exclusiveness which Berlin, under Sophia, offered to the Europe of her day. Sophia, clever and with a certain sense of music, had composed a few very uninspired but dignified pieces; and she had once upon a time been trained by Steffani, who had been Kapellmeister to her father, the Elector of Han-over. She was a woman who had no belief in rank; a creature from the gutter might play the violin well and

"The boy Handel was caught up and whirled off his feet by the panegyries of a people who must have appeared strange if not a little mad. The Electress herself directed the orchestra, the prince and princesses played and sang, and musicians accustomed to lead at other and inferior courts, humbly took their places in the orchestra. "That young Handel created a stupendous impression, there is no doubt, for only a few months after his arrival in Berlin we find the Elector appealing to the aged barbersurgeon at Halle to permit him to take the boy into his service."

Handel's Vivid Youth

After the death of his father, in 1697, Handel completed his studies at the Gymnasium, and entered the University of Halle as a student of law. At the same time, ent generation. The life story of Handel reads like a novel and his industrious career is one of the most unusual in music.)

he received a salary of fifty dollars a year as organist at the Moritzburg Calvanistic Cathedral. In 1703, Keiser, director of the opera at Hamburg, engaged him as Violino di ripicna, that is an accessory violinist (not one of those employed in accompanying soloists). Hamburg operatic circles in those days were a whirl of licentiousness and vice. Keiser, himself, was dissolute and improvident. His fall was certain. Handel and his friend, Mattheson, were rivals for his post. At times, Handel had the positive for his post. had the position of vantage at the harpsichord, but was forced by Mattheson to give up the place so many times that a duel resulted.

"On the occasion in question when Mattheson left the stage and sought the harpsichord, he found a raging Handel who refused to vacate the instrument. An altereation, violent and bitter, immediately sprang up. One can imagine a crowded house hugely enjoying this unrehearsed effect; for in 1704 no opera, no play, carried any diguity. An encounter and fistients was a common event; a foul epithet hurled by a leading lady to a rival actress on the stage was merely a diversion. The end was a sordid affair in the Goose market outside the theater. Fortunately the combat came quickly to an end. Mattheson's sword struck the button on Handel's coat and splintered in his hand."

Handel in Italy

After writing and producing two operas (Almira and Nero, or Love Obtained through Blood and Murder); writing another to occupy two evenings, Florinda and Daphne; and composing a Passion, Handel set out for Italy with some 200 ducats saved from music teaching. He remained in Italy from 1706 to 1709. While there he wrote Rodrigo, Agrippina (both operatic successes), and the oratorios, La Rissurezzione and Il Trionfo del Tempo e del Disinganno. He also wrote a Serenata, Acis,

Notwithstanding his Lutheran origin, his oratorio music was enthusiastically welcomed in Rome, bespeaking the

After his great operatic and oratorio successes in Italy, Handel returned to Germany, replacing the diplomat—ecclesiastic musician Steffanl—as Kapelimeister at the court of the Elector of Hanover. In 1710 Handel visited London and hurriedly compiled an opera named Rinaldo, piccing together parts from his former successes. This was an immediate success.

Handel in London

"When Handel arrived in London, in 1710, Purcell had been dead for fifteen years-English music had collapsed. The woeful efforts of men who knew nothing of the first rudiments of harmony and counterpoint, appeared on the London stage, failed miserably and cost their patrons

"A picture of London in 1710 gives an idea of the atmosphere in which Handel worked and produced most of his great masterpieces. Operas had failed in large numbers and their attractions were so few that the inhabitants of the town thought again before venturing into the night for a theater with the risk of being waylaid and robbed on their way home. A wave of crime had swept over the metropolis. Robberies were enacted in Piccadilly; houses in Bond Street were openly pilfered in broad daylight. Night watchmen were trussed like fowls in the principal thoroughfares, while my lady's coach on the way to the theatre passed within a few yards. The streets were ill-lit and stank of stale garbage, and the court yards that led from them were thieves' kitchens and murder shops. One was arrested on the word of an informer for nothing at all, when passing down a main London street at night. Small wonder that those who alone could keep a theatre open preferred to linger over their wine and gaming, rather than venture through a gauntlet of marauders, to hear indifferent music and piffling libretti.

Handel arrived for this the hour of great opportunity and shortly thereafter he made a setting of a text by Rossi. entitled Rinaldo. In this Handel employed many of his previously successful themes, in other words, plagiarized from himself. This was given at the Haymarket theater in 1811 and brought immediate fame to the unknown Handel. During the opera wild birds were liberated. This was ridiculed by Addison, whose dramatic works were cast into shadow by the fame of the musical work. It is interesting to know that when Pepush, years later, arranged music for Gay's Beggars Opera he stole some of the tunes of Rinaldo. One of Handel's unusual friends in London during this period was Thomas Britton, known as the "small coals man." Britton started life carrying a basket of coal around on his back and selling small portions to the poor of London. He invested his savings in old music until he had acquired a remarkable collection. His next step was to turn the loft over his coal stables into a music room, which soon became the rendezvous of all of the musically famous of London society clawed their way up rickety steps to hear the wonderful coterie of artists that Britton drew to him.

Handel's next operas, Il Pastor Fido, and Teseo, were virtually failures; but he regained public favor with the Te Deum and Jubilate celebrating the peace at Utrecht. This led to a rather munificent annuity from the crown of £200 (\$1000) a year. Handel, therewith, forgot his allegiance to his master at Hanover, but was rudely awakened, when in 1714, Queen Anne died, and was succeeded by no other than the same Elector of Hanover.

King George, whose morals were those befitting a ruler

of the times, was German to the core and was more interested in his mistresses than in quarreling with a musician. He was soon reconciled and not a little proud over the fact that the sensation of the London Society was a German musician and one from his own electorate. Handel was commissioned to write Water Music for a barge procession on the Thames. This music was fairly pre-tentious, as it called for fifty musicians, who were placed on a separate boat beside that of the Royal barge. took one hour to perform, but the King was so delighted with it that he ordered it repeated before and after The cost of the music was defrayed by Baron Kilmanseck (Kielmansegge) £150.

Handel's next opera, Amadigi, was a great success and was greatly admired by the King who disgusted London society by taking large groups of his questionable lady admirers to the opera. The fat old roysterer, who "sat a horse like a loose sack of hay" and spoke only a few words of broken English, was interested in Handel, but far more interested in having what he considered a good time. Handel returned to Germany and brought back to London with him Johann Christoph Schmidt and his family. Schmidt soon anglisized his name, and John Christopher Smith and his son became general factotum for Handel, copying his manuscripts, paying bills and wrifting letters. Their services to the master were invaluable when he became blind and explain how Handel was able to do so much work when visited by his great affliction. While in Germany, Handel composed his one German oratorio, A Passion, with words by Heinrich Brockes.

The Harmonious Blacksmith

In 1718, Handel became the successor of Pepusch, the organist to James Brydges, Earl of Carnarvon (a family name recently made famous through the exploitation of the last resting place of King "Tut"). This Carnarvon was a rich rogue who entertained lavishly and demanded the best of everything. It was at this time that Handel wrote the *Chandos Te Deum*. Shortly thereafter Handel wrote his Suite de pieces pour le Clavecin, of which the so-called Harmonious Blacksmith, is number five. Here the author of this excellent new work upon Handel dissipates another favorite legend.

"There never was a Harmonious Blacksmith. Never in his life did Handel seek refuge during a thunder-

storm in a blacksmith's shop and hearing the even beat of the hammer upon the anvil compose the immortal melody. Handel never knew a piece called the Harmonious Blacksmith, because the piece did not gain that name until 1820.

"All this, despite the fact that the legend is given verity by the tombstone over the grave of the so-called 'harmonious blacksmith.'

"The gouty, dissipated Earl became the Duke of Chandos-his only worth-while accomplishment being his support of Handel. It was for this Duke that Handel wrote his first English oratorio of Esther.

Hnadel was appointed director of the newly organized Royal Academy of Music and thus supervised the production of many of his operas. His rivals, Ariosti and Bononcini, sought to defeat him in every way and were very nearly successful when Bononcini was caught in an obvious plagiarism. Handel returned to the continent in 1719 to secure a company of singers. While there Johan Sebastian Bach, who was born in the same year as Handel, heard that his famous contemporary was in Halle. Bach was so anxious to meet him that he walked all the way from Leipzig to Halle (about twenty miles) to reach him. When he arrived he found that Handel had just left for England. Handel's operas were unusually successful considering the active competition of keen rivals. In 1732, however, he wrote Esther, his first oratorio, and this served to lead him gradually away from the operatic field. It was not until 1740, however, that he abandoned composition of stage works for sacred texts.

Operatic Riots

Handel's operatic experiences in London never lacked for excitement. At times, almost tragic, at times, farcial, Handel was kept busy from morning to night with his temperamental companies of singers. Among these was the prima donna Cuzzoni, who was a stumpy little person strutting and strolling on the stage and enthralling it by the sheer wonder of her voice. The boxes stormed her with applause.

Handel's next rival was Heidigger, who proved an active, if not a formidable competitor. Handel brought Faustina to the opera and thus started the strife between the new singer and Cuzzoni. Cuzzoni's range was limited, her tone golden. On the other hand, Faustina had a large range, was a singer of finer musical training and a very fine actress. Partisan audiences hissed one prima donna and then the other. Race horses were named after them. Society was divided upon their merits. The audiences night after night for weeks, were interrupted by riots, and the music became a farce. Some even de clared that "if the two singers were not put in bags and drowned in the river, they would cause a civil war.

The climax came on June 6th, 1727. "When Faustina appeared on the stage the rabble that represented Cuzzoni rose up and shouted her down. A battle began in the auditorium and finished on the stage by Cuzzoni setting upon Faustina and the two women tearing out each other's hair. Some of the audience rushed upon the stage and joined in the fray, smashed scenery, and created a pandemonium of struggling humanity."

The "fighting cats," as they were called, became the talk of the town; and no less than Swift, Colly Cibber and others saw fit to comment upon them.

The original production of The Beggars' Opera, in 1728, was so enormously successful that Handel could not combat the public taste and was obliged to withdraw.

Nothing daunted he set off for Italy again in 1829 to gather a company of singers (finding time on the way to visit his mother in Halle). On returning to London he found that there had been a complete change in public taste, and after many productions, was compelled to abandon opera.

The Messiah

Picture Handel after all his triumphs, reduced to the severest humiliation and penury through his failure of his various theatrical ventures. It was in such a mood that he turned to the serious music of the oratorio.

The selection of the text of The Messiah, from Holy Writ, has long been credited to Charles Jennens, another of the forceful and picturesque characters who found their way into the life of Handel. Jennens bragged about his text and had the impudence to criticise Handel's It is gratifying to learn at this date that The Messiah libretto was not arranged by the popinjay, but by a half-starved little clergyman, named Pooley, whom Jennens employed as a secretary and literary drudge. Handel never knew that his rich patron, Jenuens, had not done the work.

The Messiah was reported to have been written in twenty-seven days. It was finished in September, 1741. Handel, after completing the Hallelujah Chorus, is reported to have been found at the table with his eyes streaming with tears and saying, "I did think I did see all Heaven before me, and the Great God, Himself.'

The master was invited by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and three governors of charitable institutions in Dublin to visit that city. He took the Messiah with him. He left for Dublin barely escaping being thrown into the Debtors' Prison. The work was first performed, April 13, at Neal's Music Hall, in Fishamble street. Because of the expected crowd, ladies were requested not to wear hoop skirts and gentlemen to dispense with the incumbrance of swords. Seven hundred people crowded the auditorium.

The soprano soloist was Mrs. Cibber. The oratorio, despite its great success, was not given again until June when, in order to keep the room as cool as possible, a pane of glass was removed from the top of each window.

Handel returned to London and in a few years regained his lost prestige. But ere long his body commenced to give out. In 1851 he commenced to notice that his eyesight was failing him. In 1852, after an operation, he became totally blind. However, this did not prevent him from appearing in public at the organ, when his oratorios

were performed.

"The Giant had not spent his force, though he had lost his sight. He worked steadily, dictating his new work to Christopher Smith, since he could no longer score the notes himself. He would not rest, no one could induce him to rest, for his mind was as active as it had ever been. His hands were swollen with gout, he moved about with the greatest anguish. In every way he was a law unto himself in the matter of what he did, and any attempt to thwart him, even for his own good, brough forth the quick whip of temper. He was still making money fast. Before he had been blind a couple of years he had not only cleared all his debts, but had considerable funds in hand. A beggar in 1746, in 1759 he died with \$100,000!"

Handel died April 14th, 1759. The interment i Westminster Abbey was conducted with great solemnity with music provided by the choirs of the Chapel Royal St. Peter's and St. Paul's. Three thousand attended th ceremony.

Mr. Flower's life of Handel, while of peculiar interes to the music lover, bids fair to become as popular among general readers as have the current great excellent biog raphies of public men of other days in differing walk of life. It is a notable contribution to the history music, deserving widest recognition.

The Metronome Solves a Problem

By Ruth L. F. Barnett

HAVE you in your class a pupil who plays andant passages easily and well, but whose powers becomparalyzed at the suggestion of any direction to pla faster; who spoils many an otherwise well-played piece by scrambling madly over a cadenza?

Janet was such a pupil. Given a piece written in nothing smaller than eighth notes she played expresively, with a lovely, flexible tone; but should a fe sixteenth notes appear, or the word "Allegro" or "Vin ace," she stiffened the hand and arm to the extent the control was lost and her tone became altogether ur pleasant. The trouble was purely mental; and plainly the remedy must be one that would give Janet no his that she was working to increase her speed.

Choosing a troublesome passage from her lesson, the Metronome was set at 60 and she played one note it each beat. Then we tried 63-66-69, gradually working to 144. She stiffened her arm a bit here so we were back to 100 and this time she worked up to 160. No without difficulty she was playing nearly three time as fast as at first. So we continued, going back when ever the least strain appeared, until she was able play the passage considerably faster than was necessar in the piece. Finally we tried the piece; and, to Janet delight and my very great relief, the passage fitte into it smoothly and naturally.

The scheme works out well in scales and arpeggio and in such pieces or studies as present some technic problem throughout; but in these it is best to play on with the Metronome set at a certain point and then se eral times without it, in order to be able to listen for smoothness and the right kind of tone.

The process takes time, and this is one of its virtu -that the pupil will practice more than he would other wise do; and he is bound to get results because h practice is directed toward a definite goal.

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Paderewski's Minuet in

How the Composer and His Famous Colleagues Interpret It

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THE printed notation is at best a very inadequate and rather cumbersome means of depicting a composer's intentions. Moreover there are little things which add to the interest of a composition, but which the composer has never incorporated in the printed version. It is therefore especially fortunate when we have his own interpreta-tion recorded; and doubly so when the composer is at the same time the world's greatest master of his instru-

This article is based on a study of two different performances of the Minuet made by Mr. Paderewski about 1911 (Victor record No. 88321) and 1917 (Victor, No. 4533), the earlier of which is no longer in the catalogue. Reference will also be made to the only other records of this piece as piano solo, one by Mr. Josef Hofmann (Columbia A 5915) and one by Mr. Rudolf Ganz (Pathe, No. 59055), the present conductor of the St. Louis Or-

General Tempo

Even the most superficial listener to these records will notice the difference in general tempo. Mr. Hofmann, whose art inclines to the brilliant, played at 160, taking three and one-half minutes for the entire piece. Mr. Ganz played at the tempo indicated in THE ETUDE copy, = 144. The earlier Paderewski record is at] =138 and requires four minutes; while the latest Paderewski s at λ =126 and takes four and a half minutes, and is thus almost a third longer than the Hofmann performance. Mr. Ganz omitted the repeats, so his entire time is short. Mr. Paderewski, as always, varies much in tempo, from measure to measure, dropping below 126 and even eaching 200, but always returning to 126 as his normal. (These tempi were determined by the metronome, after tuning the records to the pitch of the piano. Mr. Finck writes that the thing in which Paderewski surpasses every other pianist is in that he never fails to make the entire audience enjoy any beauty spot, but lingers lovngly on all such.)

Motifs

Composers often add to the coherence, unity and interest of a composition by the employment of some motif; that is, by some very short melodic phrase, in either the melody or the accompaniment, or by some striking turn of the harmony, which recurs repeatedly through the work. It is probable that in many cases the composer did not analyze his own work enough to realize that his mind had subconsclously incorporated such a motif. There is generally no attempt to indicate such motifs in the printed notation, and the performer endeavors to find them and emphasize them discreetly. In the Minuet records Mr. Ganz apparently did not attempt any motivation. Both the other pianists did, but they chose different motifs.

Mr. Hofmann used the six notes of the turn (**) in the



main theme (Ex. 1, a). He plays them very fast, and with a sharp accent on the first note, reminding one of the buzz with which an aeroplane motor starts. Incidentally, whenever the turn leads from a higher to a lower note (as in measures 1 and 3), he merely trills, not playing the under note in the turn at all (Ex. 1, b). He starts the chain trills of the Coda with a similar buzz, and ends the long trill in the middle section (the trio), in the same way, using as mobif the last three notes of the trill, the grace note Cz and the first note of the theme (Fix. 1, c).

Mr. Hofmann can almost be said to use a second motif, the two grace notes and the G in measure 5 (Ex. 2, a). He accents the top note but does not play the grace notes extremely fast; in fact, he caresses them a trifie in measure 5 and other measures. By starting the turn with the buzz and then accenting the last notes and slightly delaying them, he combines both motifs in the fourth measure of the theme whenever it recurs, especially in the loud part between the left hand octaves and the ascending scale in sixfeenth notes (Ex. 2, b). He does not seem to apply this



modif to the grace notes in the frio, even though they catch the eye instantly by their similarity in appearance to the modif as printed in measure 5. Possibly he feels that the modif would call for more brilliancy than would be in keeping with this more melodic portion of the piece; possibly he wished to avoid the jazzy effect which the average student gives to these notes.

Mr. Paderewski used two motifs. motif is the upward skip of an octave as shown in the first two notes of the trio (Ex. 3, a). He does not make them brilliant, but strong and bold, compelling the hearer's attention. He accents both notes, and makes the lower note long, regardless of the notation. He finds this motif everywhere. In fact he began his earlier record with it, by playing a preliminary thumb D (as a quarter note) before the first printed note. In both records he added a thumb D as grace note (shorter that usual for this motif in the last measure of the



MR. PADEREWSKI'S LATEST PHOTOGRAPH (See Editoral on Page 814)

first ending (Ex. 3, b), playing the (unwritten) right thumb D simultaneously with the low G of the left hand, and the (right) printed D a trifle later. In the measure containing the final D of the left hand octave passage he so motivates the two right hand D's which



enclose the bar-line (Ex. 3, c). Here he secures it in part by delaying the second note of the main theme, thus slightly isolating the two notes of the motif. He so motivates the last D of the three times recurring rapidamente cadenza with the D after the bar-line, (the one with the famous fermata (A). He plays the entire cadenza without ritard and abruptly stops on the last D before the bar-line, holds it as long as he usually holds the first note of the motif, and then plays the upper D (Ex, 3, d). He uses the grace notes (G up to G, and F up to F) in the ninth and thirteenth measures of the trio in the same way. In these measures he gives the grace note G as much time as the quarter G at the beginning of the trio: the F he plays a little faster, and he adds a slowly played grace note D (not written) in the seventeenth measure. And finally he so motivates the thumb D, just before the Coda, with the first note of the chain trills.

Mr. Paderewski uses as a second motif the three notes G, E, D in the left hand of measures 7 and 8. This motif will be studied in a later paragraph.

It is interesting that neither artist employs the motifs of the other man. Thus Mr. Paderewski uses the turn () in the theme merely as a melodic bridge between the D and the B, and grades it in power and speed accordingly, decreased owhen descending and vice versa, and always giving it dignity and repose. The other Hofmann motif is generally caressed by Mr. Paderewski, and is never made brilliant. On the other hand Mr. Hofmann not only does not use the two-note octave motif of Mr. Paderewski, but he even omits the preliminary G of the trio. He plays the grace notes of this section very fast (almost like poorly struck octaves) and does not play the unwritten grace-note D of the seventeenth measure. His purpose in this section is apparently to strike the grace-notes with sufficient power to make them sing through the tied four measures. Mr. Paderewski depends on the sympathetic vibration from other struck tones to continue the long notes. (Those who are interested in this tonal reinforcement of a held key may find a very remarkable example in the final F in Mr. Paderewski's rendition of his own Nocturne in Bb as recorded in Victor No. 74765, made in 1922.)

Anachronous Interpretation of Ornaments

Mr. Paderewski calls this Minuet "A l'Antique," yet he never gives the ornaments the strict interpretation ordained by Emmanuel Bach, the great authority on agremens (Grove's Dictionary). The strict interpretation of the turn () in the theme would not start on C, but on D, and consist of but four notes (Ex. 4, a) What every one plays here (Ex. 4, c) is the "geschnellte doppelschlag," which would require a grace-note before the C in the notation (Ex. 4, b). Probably because it would not sound well otherwise, every one plays the

first note of this turn on the count, which is correct.

The two-note graces of measure 5 (Mr. Hofmann's second motif) and of the trio are written as vorschlaege. According to Bach the grace-note E should be played simultaneously with the C E of the left hand, and the F G of the right hand should come after "three" (Ex. 4, d). But every record places the grace notes before "three," and G of the right hand with the left chord on "three" (Ex. 4, f), which makes the ornaments become the "nachschlægge" of Bach (Ex. 4, e). Paderew-ki west the week littles to be week littles to b ski uses the usual interpretation of such graces in modern writers.

The grace-note C# in measure 9 should sound at the same time as the D, F# chord (Ex. 5, a) and the C4 later. This is never done, and Mr. Paderewski gives a very free interpretation.





The turns in the left hand (hint at the main theme) at the end of the *trio* are written in such a way as to demand B* as the under note (Ex. 5, b). Many editions indicate the rendition of the graces; some print Ba and some B# (Ex. 5, c). All four records play B#. It is noteworthy, in passing, that Mr. Hofmann continues the right hand trill as in C minor (playing Eb) during these two turns and only changes to Eb for the last two measures of the trill.

The old-time performance of the grace-note D in measure 13, would place the grace-note simultaneously with the two lower notes of the chord and on the count, the Ca following later, alone, similar to Ex. 5, d. Mr. Paderewski always plays it as in Ex. 5, e, except that he did not play it at all in measure 13 (first time), and possibly not after the first rapidamente cadenza.

Cadences

Mr. Paderewski played none of the cadences, except the last, as loud as the other pianists. The first ending, measures 16 and 17, which occurs but once in the piece, he takes staccato and without ritard. The second ending he plays differently in different places. The first time he spreads the right hand chord on count "two," doing it fast but not snappily, and also spreads the final chord—in the next measure—slowly and caressingly. At the second appearance of this cadence—after the trio—he spread the last chord fast, also. The varying speeds and powers with which Mr. Paderewski spreads chords, and the way he caresses the melody tones in them, constitute a very special and helpful study, not only in this piece, but also in all his records. In the earlier record he played both the last two chords of the Minuet softly, but in the later record both are loud, and the final low G grace-note receives a full quarter note time, the chord appearing on count "two."

Mr. Hofmann altered the cadences enough to warrant mention. At the repeat mark before the trio he does not use the cadence written, but plays that of the second ending of the main theme, and accelerates, playing loud to lead into the loud portion which follows. On the repeat—as entrance to the trio—he plays the cadence written, doing it softly, and on count "two" plays only one tone, the soprano note C. In the final cadence he omits the top B of the next to the last chord, hardly spreads the chord at all, and replaces the last chord with only G in unison, with the G above middle C as top note.

The Rapidamente Cadenza

This is a very interesting place in the records. Mr. Hofmann kept the first and last appearances of this cadenza without pedal, with a staccato left hand chord to start it, and the cadenza taken very fast, ending softly. The second appearance he ritarded the ascending closing arpeggio and pedaled it somewhat. He evidently tried to render it differently each time.

Mr. Paderewski finds both his motifs in the cadenza! He played it with power throughout, and the last seven notes as loud as possible. Yet he lets the left hand cut through (beginning with the ascending sixteenths two measures before). He, as everywhere, phrases the left hand as shown in Ex. 6, with the first note of each measure serving as last note of the thought, and then picks out the notes of measures 7 and 8 (his second motif) from among the notes of the cadenza. Both records show this, but the later is a finer conception (Ex. 6 and 7a). It is not easy to bring out the E D loud, just after the two soft tones, and the piano will not always do it, because of the rebound of the key, so even Mr. Pader-ewski does not always succeed. He plays the entire cadenza fast, and concludes with the octave motivation. as already explained. He keeps his pedal down throughout the cadenza and lets it up on the half note, after having filled both hands full of keys from the arpeggio, somewhat as shown in Ex. 6, which he releases slowly from the bass up. The remarkable singing quality of his tone is again demonstrated by the way the half note D sings after the other keys are released. He plays the grace note C# as always. The general effect, after releasing the lower keys and holding the high D alone, is a largo tempo to include the first chord of the next measure, and the last two chords played right up to tempo. He waited longer on the Ch each time the cadenza



In his earlier record he did not so clearly intend to use the octave motif, but allowed the last note before the bar to be part of the other motif, as shown in Ex. 7 b.

Odds and Ends

Mr. Paderewski puts the pedal down on "one" and up on "two," in most of the record, making the chords staccato, and generally accenting count "two" more than "one." The eighths in measure 10 and others, are generally staccato (Ex. 8, a). In the loud theme after the left hand octaves his pedal comes up on "three" and down

The left hand descending passage, after the double bar, starts at about 184 and accelerates in the octaves to 200. The theme which follows drops back to 138 (168 in Hofmann), and he delays on the first note twice its value (end of octave motif), actually placing four ticks of the metronome in this measure once. The trio is back at 126, and with splendidly subdued accompaniment. The earlier record played for several measures almost at

= 144, but deviated from the intermediate ticks very much a splendid example of rubato.



Some editors indicate the exact number of notes to play in the long trill at the end of the trio, and attempt to show the ritard, even. Mr. Paderewski ritards the left hand very much, but keeps the trill very fast to the end, softening down, and stopping on a soft D, followed by a soft C#, each held as a slow quarter note. Incidentally we may mention that he plays a D in the left hand under the first of each group of eighth notes near the beginning of the trill, for five groups.

Mr. Paderewski started the Coda in his earlier record

at = 176, but his later record is only 152 during the trills (thus emphasizing the restraint which has been characteristic of the main theme), increasing to 184 at the triplets. The measure in which the right hand starts down he played without pedal and with a staccato left hand chord in the first record, but in the later record he kept this chord sustained, both here and four measures later. In the following measure in both places and in both records he played a three-note chord in the left hand, quietly and sustained. (Ex. 8d.)

In conclusion may we be permitted to mention one thing which is not supposed to be on the record and which is probably unique in professional recording. All who have attended a Paderewski recital will recall the frequency with which the word "Bravo" is shouted. After the artist finished his performance some man in the recording room was so enthused that he shouted "Bravo" and this word is faintly but distinctly present on the earlier record. = 176, but his later record is only 152 during the

Piano-Quartette Playing

By Corinna Reeve Jones

What has been accomplished in a small country village may be an incentive to others. Four musical friends, four years ago, formed a quartette for the study of the classics arranged for two pianos, eight hands,

We have met one afternoon of alternate weeks, have become very enthusiastic and find the greatest delight in studying such works as the symphonies of Beethoven, Mozart, Mendelssohn, Schubert, and Brahms. All are amateurs; and we find this improves our playing and keeps up our interest in music. Now we have a fifth member who conducts and explains the music, the meaning, where the various instruments of the orchestra enter, the touch required for certain passages, how one performer must make a part prominent while others keep in the background, the rhythm, the tempo, expression and other details.

Many well-trained pianists gradually lose their ability to play because of lack of an incentive. These should welcome the forming of a quartette. If they have not two instruments at hand, perhaps some teacher or music store has these and would be glad to arrange for their reasonable use or rental.

Quartette playing has the advantage of insuring correct time and obliging the performers to listen to the different parts and make them sound as if done by but one person.

Our members live some distance apart, and all but one have families; so do not allow trifles to interfere with your forming an organization of this character.

Ten Points in Pianism

By Sidne Taiz

Absolute accuracy in reading the notation.

Attention to the composer's guides to interpretation.

A fingering, best suited to the individual hand, selected and mastered beyond forgetting.

All melodies singing and refined.

Phrasings so clear that the music becomes a language easily followed.

All technical difficulties conquered till they in no way hinder the expressing of the composer's thought.

An easy, natural position at the instrument. All thoughts of self lost in glorifying the composer's

thought.

No "monkey shines;" they are no part of music. Beethoven said, "An artist may sound a wrong note, but only a fool will fail to bring out the soul of a com-

Ancient Admonition Still Timely

By E. H. P.

THE thoughtless person who insists on keeping up a conversation while a musical performance is in progress is no development of modern society, but a social nuisance of a very respectable antiquity-if indeed antiquity can confer respect, which in this case is open to question. In one of the apochryphal books of the Old Testament, written some two thousand years ago, may be found the following admonition:—"Speak * * but with sound judgment, and hinder not music. Pour not out words where there is a musician, and show not forth wisdom out of time. A concert of music in a banquet * * * is as a signet of carbuncle set in gold." (Ecclesiasticus XXXII, 3-5).

Studying History of Music

By Edith Josephine Benson

In teaching the Standard History of Music, I have supplemented the text with a note book in which the pupil writes definitions of form, summaries of development of the more important forms, and and facts concerning certain composers, names of their well-known compositions, additions made in technic, or in treatment

of melody and harmony, and peculiarities of style.

Since history of music is difficult to remember, if learned as a single line of events, I have used the following outline at the end of the course to assist the pupil in associating important events when reviewing the

textbook and note book.

- 1. Describe ten forms of composition; tell the name of the composer who invented each one, his country, and dates of birth and death. (Exact dates are unnecessary.)

 2. Name composers of Catholic Church music.

 - Name several famous singing teachers. What creations do we associate with Florence?
- 5. Where is the Gewandhaus Orchestra? Name two famous conductors.
- 6. Name eight composers who were contemporaries of Handel.
- 7. Name composers who were contemporaries of Beethoven; also contemporaries of Chopin.
- 8. Name five musicians who have lived in Rome, five who lived in Venice, five who lived in Naples, and six who lived in Vienna.
- 9. Name eight composers, not French, who lived in
- 10. In what department of music did each excel who was mentioned in 8 and 9?

11. Name at least eight famous organists.

- 12. Mention one thing (not a composition) done by each of the following that has had a permanent effect on music or musicians: Mendelssohn, Weber, Mozart, C. P. E. Bach, Beethoven, Schumann, Chopin, Liszt and Wagner.
 - 13. When was the Paris Conservatory founded?
- 14. What is Opera Comique? Name several composers of Opera Comique.
- 15. Name the four principal forms of orchestral composition and composers for each group.

 16. Name seven composers of oratorio and one ora-
- torio composed by each.
- 17. Name twelve violinists of the past and present, and give nationality of each.
- 18. What are the distinguishing features of the four great epochs of musical development? Name the foremost composers of each epoch and several of their compositions.
- 19. Name composers of the art song.
- 20. Tell something of American composers and teachers.
- 21. Name several great teachers of piano and composers of platto studies.
- 22. Name six modern Italian composers and the form of composition in which each has distinguished himself.
- 23. Name composers who lived in Petrograd and Moscow and mention at least one composition by each.
- 24. For what combinations of instruments is the sonata form written?
- 25. Name leading composers of the last twenty-five years who have not been otherwise mentioned, and at least one composition by each.
- 26. What are Italian operatic ideals? German operatic

Coherence in subject matter and in dates was purposely avoided, in order to give the pupil practice in facile remembrance, which is necessary to one who deT is natural for the serious student of music to look forward to a period of study in the Metropolis—whether that Metropolis be Boston or Philadelphia, Chicago or New York. The advantages of the populous centers are obvious, and usually those benefits are supposed to increase in proportion to the population. Consequently the larger cities, especially those mentioned, are crowded with thousands of students who are in training for musical careers of one sort or another. This is perfectly logical, because in these cities are to be found the symphony orchestras, the operas, the myriad recitals and the eminent names. To the superficial observer or to the person who views these centers from a distance they seem the ideal spots in which to pursue the musical education.

the musical education. And there is no doubt that the prestige which attaches to training received in these centers is tremendous. In many quarters the phrase, "Studied in New York (or Boston or Chicago)," will open doors closed to all other American-trained musicians, and the magic of the formula is second only to the other,

"Studied in Europe."

There is no gainsaying the possibilities for music study in—let us say—New York, to those with the means, the ambition, the physique, the personality, and the previous training; just as there is no denying what European training can do for those with the proper background and qualifications. But neither talent nor ambition nor previous training nor health nor personality will insure success (or at any rate conspicuous success) in the musical career even though fortified with a long period of study in the Metropolis.

Beware the Pharisee

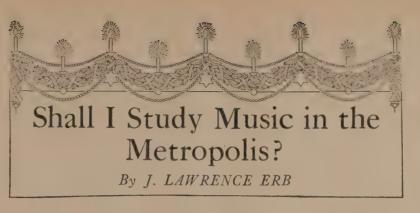
The most outstanding fact in the music-study situation in a city like New York or Chicago is its highly commercialized character. Before the pharisee can find time to raise his hands in horror, or before the loyal musician may voice his protest against so damning an accusation, let me hasten to add that, under the circumstances, it is to be expected that such should be the case. Probably no other attitude would make it possible to survive as conditions are. Moreover, the large cities are not alone in their worship of the great god, Mammon, only. Where New York or Chicago are open and aboveboard in their frank devotion to success that may be measured in terms of the dollar, some other communities turn toward the same golden altar, but with a more slantwise gaze.

In fairness to the "commercial" teacher of New York or Chicago, let us consider the conditions under which Let us take for granted the great concentration of musicians who are attracted to the city by one advantage or another. Let us also take for granted the consequent competition which (at least in theory) eliminates the unfit and produces a class of supermen and superwomen who tower above their fellows in the less congested sections, and who blithely "cash in" their superiority, according to the most approved American (or foreign) way. Let us accept at their own valuation the big-city music-teachers as the finest in the world, the degree of fineness, class for class, being (according to the principle just accepted) directly proportionate to the size of the city. For the time being, let it be assumed that the fees paid these towering geniuses of the studios are entirely proper and in fair relation to their value to the student.

Prohibitive Rents

Yet, the question often arises why, as is often the case, the same man finds it profitable (or necessary) to teach for one fee in one city, and for another fee in another, also why, at the fees charged in the Metropolis, so often, even the time paid for is filled in what appears to the student a perfunctory fashion.

There are several reasons why the metropolitan teacher finds it wise to adopt a commercial attitude. In the first place the rents in New York are prohibitive and are growing higher annually; and, to make matters worse, there are comparatively few desirable places which admit music-teachers (or music students). Consequently such a building as Carnegie Hall has a long waiting-list of teachers who desire to get in but must content themselves in the meantime with such accomodations as they can secure at such prices as they are obliged to pay. A very few of the highest priced teachers solve the problem by owning their own homes, but when that means an investment of at least \$50,000 (a moderate figure 'for a residence in a good section), obviously few teachers can avail themselves of the advantages of the own-your-own-home arrangement.



Then there is the problem of advertising and studio help. \$1000 a year for magazine and newspaper publicity is scarcely enough to cover the necessary publications, and twice as much is not unusual. A secretary-stenographer at \$1500, or more per year, an accompanist (if the teacher is not a piano-teacher), and the studio equipment of Steinway or other grand-piano or pianos, all represent elements which add to the investment upkeep and force the teacher to become a business man in sheer self-protection.

A further liability is the shortness of the season. October first to May fifteenth or at most June first represent the extremes; but the real season is considerably shorter. And there are so many holidays to break in, to destroy the continuity, and to shrink the income. Summer teaching is possible, if the pupils are to be found; but the Summer class and the Winter class represent to a large extent two different sets of students.

Why Fees Increase

So one might go on at length explaining why commercialization has become necessary among the music teachers of the great centers; why the fees are necessarily ever-increasing; and why the teacher must, hard-heartedly, set himself against any and all financial concessions. Perhaps, so far as the financial aspect of the matter is concerned, the effect is not altogether bad; for there is a tendency among most mortals to value a thing in porportion to its cost. Therefore, if metropolitan music study costs more—a good deal more it must (according to this view point) be worth correspondingly.

The important question, however, is what effect such a strenuously commercialized atmosphere has upon the musical education. The question whether or not to study in the Metropolis can only be answered properly from

this angle.

To bring the question to a focus, I shall make two assertions which I realize are debatable but which serve to clarify the discussion. These are: (a) Music teaching, as ordinarily carried on, is a business (or trade), not a profession. (b) *Musical* education under such highly commercialized conditions is largely in the nature of a by-product.

The great majority of persons teaching music are the products of studio-training, not of a school in the real sense of the term, and they perpetuate in their teaching the type of training with which they are familiar. Many of the so-called conservatories and music-schools are schools only in name. The pupil goes and engages the time of a certain teacher at a certain price to pursue a certain definite course of instruction; but there is seldom any serious attempt to control the pupil's choice, or to insist upon definite pre-requisites on the one hand or a definite curriculum of related subjects on the other. Some schools outline a course which is (on paper) required for a certificate or diploma or degree; but there are comparatively few institutions where this curriculum is adhered to with anything like the strictness which attends the public school or collegiate courses. The reason The music schools do not dare, on the one hand, to run up the expenses of the student to a prohibitive point; and, on the other hand, they cannot afford to give free instruction to any large extent. Obviously,

Other elements enter. Since the expense necessary to sustain a studio in a large city are so great, there is a much greater necessity to maintain a full class. This requires every kind of a "bait" that can be offered, one of the most important being the "artist-pupil." I have on many occasions heard teachers seriously discussing whether or not they should accept pupils who could not at an early date do successful public work. We have become so used to this point of view that we demur little or not at all when such statements are made. Yet, on the face of it, such a process is most short-sighted. After

under such circumstances a compromise follows.

all, the world needs teachers and amateurs very much more than performers; and, even the teacher who specializes in the "artist pupil," must have that pupil discovered and prepared for him. The performer, rather, should be the by-product, if there must be a by-product.

What the professional musician needs in his training is first a trained mind, then a musical routine. At the high prices necessary in the city studio, most pupils must content themselves with highly-specialized instruction in highly concentrated doses. Hence the mind must be trained beforehand to profit by such a type of study. Moreover, matters of general musicianship must be attended to before the studio routine is undertaken, unless one prefers to carry it on at the

same time with another high-priced specialist-teacher. Now, as a matter of common educational experience, it is well-known, that, except for short periods and under unusual conditions, assimilation and growth are comparatively slow processes that cannot, with safety, be forced. It follows, then, that, unless the musical stature has been fairly well attained before the concentrated work begins, there will be somewhere loss or disappointment, if not serious damage. In other words, as matters stand, a large proportion of students are not ready for the metropolitan studio and cannot properly profit by its routine.

Prestige and Atmosphere

Unfortunately one of the most serious elements in the whole problem of metropolitan study is the attitude of the prospective student. Two principal reasons are most frequently assigned for deciding upon music study in the metropolis. The first is the prestige which such study will give; the second is the "atmosphere." From the standpoint of the intelligent student, neither of these should be primary reasons for going to the metropolis. The primary reason should be that, given a thorough fundamental education (at least through the High School, and unless there is unmistakable evidence of very unusual promise, part or the whole of a college course) and as good a musical equipment as is procurable at home or nearby, the particular studio or school selected can give to the student what he needs to prepare him for the particular career which, after intelligent deliberation, he has in mind.

The great cities are the industrial centers and the market places of the world. Their pace is too swift for permanent residence or for the slow, orderly processes of education. Homes and schools flourish best in a different environment. Hence the vast suburban out-croppings of every city, and the tendency to ever longer vacation periods to escape the stress and strain of the urban existence. Under such conditions music study is not best pursued. Better a course in some good college or university music-department, where, at moderate cost and with some degree of leisure and concentration, the work may include not only the specialty (piano, voice, or what ever may be chosen) but also ear-training and sight-reading, harmony, choral or orchestral ensemble, and the allied activities under conditions which make for concentration upon the business in hand.

Then, when that is completed, if the outlook justifies, the high-pressure training of the metropolis may be profitably undertaken—but even then only with some intelligent understanding of what to pick and choose. It is not unusual to see students leave the city, broken in health before the season is over, not by overwork nor yet by dissipation (for Bohemia is not the familiar abode of the music student) but by the mistaken attempt to hear too much. In a city like New York, where there is Grand Opera practically every night and many matinees—and often two companies before the public at the same time—that alone offers all that any student can digest. Then there were last season considerably over 200 Symphony Orchestra concerts, and recitals, almost innumerable, to say nothing of the more special fields like chamber-music, organ-music, and the like. Two or at most three serious musical events per week throughout the season are about all that anyone can really digest. Any more may prove dangerous to the nervous system, especially if attempted in addition to a full schedule of study.

A word about expense. Lesson fees may run to \$25 for a single hour (or even higher), and many teachers receive from \$10 to \$25 per hour. If the general musical education has been neglected, ear-training, sight-singing, theory and allied subjects may often be carried on in classes; but, because of the expense, these classes seldom meet for more than one hour per week. In any event, all'such classes mean additional fees. Many students now pursue their theoretical and language

Taking a New Lease on Musical Life

What One Woman of Fifty Did When She Realized that there Were No More "Old Ladies"

By M. C. T.

courses at Columbia University or other collegiate institutions; but that plan is only open where there has been sufficient previous general education. Room, living, laundry, carfares, concerts and piano rent will run very close to \$30 per week for the season of 35 weeks. It may be readily seen, then, that a season of metropolitan study cannot well be considered under \$1500 to \$1800; and the amount may easily be higher without any extravagance upon the part of the student.

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To the question then, "Shall I Study Music in the Metropolis?" the answer must be, "That depends." .If your resources are sufficient, if you are sufficiently serious, if you have carefully and adequately prepared, if you know what goal you are aiming for, and if you have sufficient back-bone to stick to business in the midst of the most seductive, the most beguiling, the most dazzling life in the world, by all means decide affirmatively. The world's masters, both of performance and education, are at your service; and so long as your health and money hold out, they are yours to command. But, after all, your education is for the purpose of training you for service; and, unless you bear the ideal of service in mind, neither the metropolis (nor the Celestial City itself) will make your education worth while; no matter what "prestige" or "atmosphere" or studio-routine you may have enjoyed. There is no sadder sight in the world than the student who never arrives at the point where he is ready and able to return to society a fair service to compensate for the advantages he has enjoyed. The Lorelei sings in the Metropolis to lure the student away from duty to enjoyment. Unless you can keep a level head in the midst of myriad allurements, stay away from the

Initiative in Music Study

By L. Q. Rorke

INITIATIVE has often been likened to the self-starter in the automobile. It is far more than that. In music, particularly, it is a state of mind. It represents the eagerness to find out new things, to investigate new composers, to start new study plans, to look around for new worlds to conquer.

With every instrument there is a literature of conventional music which thousands of people with no initiative play over and over again, rarely trying to get into another path of study. This is particularly so with an instrument like the cornet. There are cornet pieces galore which are built around a few ordinary chords with obvious embellishments, showing about the same originality that one might expect in the old-fashioned, machine-made Nottingham curtains. Yet, cornetists seem to go on year after year playing this empty stuff, with its silly variations, its monotonous double tongueing, when right at their very hands is a wealth of beautiful music from the great masters which, if effectively played, would be quite as impressive to the average audience as much of the musical trash that they persist in performing. It would take initiative, however, to start its study.

It takes initiative to start a new program of increased study. It takes initiative to go to college. It takes initiative to get up a concert or a recital. It takes initiative to start a club.

Where does this musical initiative come from? Suppose you have been reading about starting a music study club. You know from hearsay that such clubs are good things. You know that the higher the musical intelligence of your friends or your pupils, the greater will be your enjoyment in music; and, if you are a professional, the larger will be your income. At this point, initiative calls for

- 1. A decision.
- 2. A plan of your proposed club.
- 3. A plan of your time to accomplish your purpose.
- 4. A plan to secure the necessary materials.
- 5. A plan to cover the slight expense involved.

Most of all, however, is the importance of making the decision—the pushing of the self-starter button. That is the real point in initiative. Once the machine is started, almost everything else is easy.

A Christmas gift should always be something that gives delight. Perhaps the finest compliment The Etude receives is the great number of subscriptions that are given as Christmas gifts because our friends know that twelve months of The Etude means a whole year of continuous musical entertainment, inspiration, instruction and delight.

At fifty I retired. I thought I was through. Strong, sane, able to do, yet I was planning to spend the rest of my life at the expense of somebody else. I lost sight of the fact that there are no old ladies any more, sitting in chimney corners, knitting. I cannot realize, now, just how I arrived at this attitude of mind. I seemed to be freighted with the idea that I had taught music thirty-five years and needed a rest.

Thirty-five years of teaching! What sort of a music teacher could I have been at fifteen? At that age I was very much of a child, and a very bashful child. Technically, I was prepared. I had been brought up on Mozart's Sonatas, Beethoven, Carl Schmidt's finger exercises; I could play Leybach's La Diabolique with my eyes shut. Czerny was just a game. But there was that other, that more vital part, personality, that psychological something which gets by: I must have wholly lacked that

I recall that I knew pretty well what I wanted the pupils to play—two, I think I had—and how I wanted them to play it. That was all. No technic, no theory, I even withheld the scales from their repertoire. I did not mind scales myself, but rather liked them. But when I stuffed them with such things I had a lurking notion that I was getting money under false pretenses.' I was as foolish as the children themselves. I wanted them to play in three months, and anything that detracted from their advancement was criminal. I do not imagine I taught them very much. I did not have to teach for my bread. I think that my guardian thought it was cute.

From that time on I was never free from pupils, though many times I have had to employ what is known as bluff. Often, when asked to do something civic, or social, I was excused on the grounds of being "a very busy woman," even if, at the time, I did not have more than four or five pupils. All have done it. You might as well confess, for I know. I would have been happier, could have worked better with forty, aside from the monetary consideration. But what is one to do in a small town, with a dozen music teachers to satisfy? Of course nobody is satisfied.

But I have had my fat times, and always have had material for a good recital at the end of the year. At fifty I got an idea I was tired; so I gave up my class and my house. When I was not traveling I was living with somebody else. I tried to be contented, but I found that, although far from young, I was still full of enthusiasm

I could not give up my music. I practiced a great deal. I knew that when I reached the point where the mileage was short ahead, it would be a great consolation to me. But I had to admit that it was not yet a consolation. It was just an aggravation. Every time I sat down to the piano an imaginary pupil sat beside me.

She would not go away. I say "she," for my pupils have nearly always been girls. The older I grow the more I think that is the way. If I had a boy who was just a "fiddler" in music, just enough to spoil him for something more practical, a boy who hung around theaters and dance halls just to get a chance to play in it, I believe I should want to murder the one who started him. A genius is different.

This phantom pupil baunted me. Whatever I played, I played for her benefit. I would count, not for myself, but for her. A particularly pleasing new piece in The ETUDE soon found me teaching it to her. Whenever an announcement slip of an advanced sale would come, I would pick out what she needed most. A new work on harmony, a new book of etudes, any of those things would distract my attention from my legitimate attempt to learn a concert solo, which I so much wanted to do. New simple, attractive pieces would set me to work on a recital program.

It was of no use; I could not get away from it. I found that, to be an idler was impossible. I could not eat idle bread without that bitter taste. So I took up my work again, more glad than I wanted to admit. But I find that my rest has accomplished wonders. I have worked out schemes of which I never had thought. I have analyzed myself, my capabilities, my methods. I have more self-confidence and have improved my methods. I have the courage to do that which I always desired.

My first requirement of a would-be pupil is, "Do you want to study music, or just want to learn ragtime?" The answer to this question determines whether the applicant does or does not have lessons from me. All my pupils must agree to study a full year and to play absolutely nothing but what I give them. At the end of that time, if they have not lost taste for ragtime—most of them have—I hope to make them able to play it by themselves. For never is one moment lost in teaching it.

I also require, where before I requested them, to take up whatever work I prescribe. For a pupil will make it a point to be unable to buy the kind of music she doesn't want to take, if you give her a loophole of escape.

I insist that everybody shall pay in advance. That does not mean that I have not confidence in their ability or willingness to pay. It simply obligates them to pay for missed lessons. If they have already paid they will not miss them if it can be avoided. This method insures more regular lessons and a consequent deeper interest. It costs them no more and eliminates duns. I am doing twice as good work as before and getting twice as much money. I am working twice as hard, but the work is a thousand times more interesting. Do I need rest? I do not. I need more work. And I intend to extend the time to another thirty-five years.

How to Study Away from the Piano

By Edith Josephine Benson

The following outlines have been helpful to the teacher and the pupil in saving time during the lesson period and in securing a thorough understanding of the composition to be studied. Many pupils understand the instructions received in the lesson, but can not remember them. The first set of questions is designed to help just such ones. A number of typewritten copies may be kept in the teacher's supply of materials.

- 1. In what key or keys is the composition written?
- 2. How are the keys related?
- 3. What is the meter? Where are the accents? On what beat does the composition begin? Does the meter change?
- 4. How many rhythmic patterns are there?
- 5. Does the right hand play entirely in the treble?
- 6. What are the leger lines and spaces of the treble taff?
- 7. Name the accidentals in each hand.
- 8. Study the left hand like 5 and 6.
- 9. What touches are necessary?
- 10. Indicate by a mark of some sort the phrases and sentences. Study the following by sentences.
- 11. Is the melody entirely in the right or left hand? In an inner or outer voice?
 - 12. With what finger does the composition begin?

13. Study the fingering.

14. What do you think the piece expresses?

The following list may be given either to beginners

(not the small ones) or to further advanced pupils who have difficulty in reading.

1. Name the bass lines. 2. Name the second line of the bass, the fourth, the first, the fifth, the third. 3. Name the bass spaces. Name the first space, the third, the second, the fourth. 4. Name the second line, the fourth space, the first space, the third line, the first line, the third space, the fifth line, the second space, the fourth line. 5. Study the treble staff similarly. 6. Name the notes between the staves. Find all the above on the keyboard.

Both staves on the keyboard. 7. Find G on the fourth space, E on the fourth space, D on the third line, B on the third line, G on the first line, E on the first line, E on the third space, A on the second space, C on the second space, B on the space above the staff, A on the first space, C on the line below the staff, D below the staff.

The list may be continued until all the notes on the grand staff, and even the leger lines and spaces, are located on the keyboard. Each note may be typewritten on a separate line. Lines are easier to read than paragraphs, and a number may be marked at each lesson for study.

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Encouraging Ambition

A young man of nincteen has been studying with me for the past seven months, and completes Beyer's Book for Beginners next week. Recently he brought me a third-grade piece and played it well from memory. I had not assigned it as a lesson, and would not like to continue such difficult music, as his technic is not well enough developed. I find it hard to grade him, since he plays a third-grade piece and first-grade studies. Should I give him second-grade pieces?—R. L.

young fellow beginning at the age you mention, naturally chafes at the preliminary drudgery, and wants o advance more rapidly than a child. So anything that ou can do legitimately to further this desire will encourige his ambition. I should keep him diligently at work on scales, arpeggios and finger exercises, explaining that hese are necessary for sharpening up his tools. Meanime, give him as advanced and attractive pieces as he is apable of learning, whether these be of second, third, or ven fourth grade. If he is able to skip a grade or two hrough his enthusiasm, so much the better.

For studies, Köhler's Op. 242, is good. I also suggest us a little more difficult, Eduard Biehl, Op. 7, Books 1 and 2, and Loeschhorn, Op. 65, especially Books 1 and 2. After that he should be ready for Heller, Op. 57 or even

Op. 46, which is a little harder.

Scale-Tones

What are the principal tones of the scale? I say, the tonic and dominant, and my friend all but the fourth and seventh.—C. B. II.

Certainly, the tonic and dominant are first in importance; and next in order comes the third, which fixes he mode as major or minor. These three are the inac-ive tones, or tones of repose; while the others are active, ince they have either an upward or downward tendency.

As the basis of one of the principal triads, the fourth one, or subdominant, is also of especial importance.

Difficulties in Reading Notes

Please advise me about a pupil who is about half-way through the first book of Matthew's Graded Course. She can play consecutive notes fairly well, but seems to lose control of her rhythm when skipping from one note to another and when changing the hand position. She also cannot read double notes promptly, especially when playing with both hands together.—M. C. A.

A saving principle in piano teaching or study is to implify every problem until its details can be individuily comprehended. Your pupil, you say, can read proprly up to a certain point; but when complications trise, she is floored. Well then, see that these compliations are properly analyzed into their simple elements refore they are attempted as a whole. Let her practice with one hand at a time, or even thread out the separate oice-parts in each hand, if more than one be present; ind let each voice-part be played so slowly that both ime and notes are correct. Repeat each part twenty, or even forty times, if necessary, until its difficulties save vanished; and then put the completed details torether in the same careful, accurate manner

The trouble with most pupils is that they want to eccomplish in a few hours that to which an artist would levote himself for weeks or months. A friend who esides near the studio of a well-known pianist remarked o me that he had often heard the latter spend an hour ir more in going over and over again a phrase of three or four measures, never satisfied until the exact shade of perfection was given to each note. And yet the same pianist has the reputation of dashing off his music with he minimum of preparation! Some one has said that genius is merely the capacity for taking infinite pains. Let us impress the need of such care on our pupils, and we shall have less of the meaningless flounderings which tre so fatal to artistic success.

Strength of Tone

A young lady who has evidently acquired considerable technical expertness, writes:

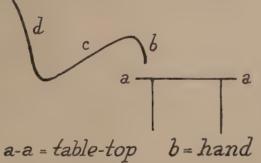
Although my touch is expressive and much admired, it is weak—decidedly so. There is a lack of strength somewhere which prevents me from sustaining to their full value the tones which should be clear, full and ringing. My legato, without the aid of the pedal, I consider no legato at all.—M. D.

"A fault confessed is half redressed." The fact that you recognize your deficiencies goes a long way toward

correcting them.

Evidently you are playing by means of the fingers alone—a touch which was perhaps adequate for the piano of Mozart's day. But for the modern piano action, one must utilize also the weight of hand and arm, as well as the muscles of the shoulder and back in order to produce and control the greatly increased tone that is now possible. All this added impetus must be so focused upon the keys that they are driven down by the added force thus acquired. The maximum power is attained when the wrist is held high over the keyboard, and each key is depressed by a straight-down movement. In this manner, indeed, one could almost command enough force to break the finger. As the wrist is lowered from this extreme position, the sharpness of the resultant tone becomes modified, so that when the wrist is at or below the horizontal level the tone becomes soft, singing and melodic.

To illustrate my point farther, sit at a table the top of which is a little below the level of the upper side of your forearm, when the forearm is held horizontally before you. Now raise the forearm so that the hand hangs perpendicularly from the wrist, just above the



c=forearm d=upper arm

Next, keeping the upper arm and forearm firmly locked together in the position illustrated above, raise the shoulder as high as possible. Now drive the arm and hand down by the shoulder muscle so that the fingers strike the table-top with full force. You will thus secure the maximum of power, which can be afterwards modified as explained above.

In short, you should remember that, just as a fire will not give out heat without sufficient fuel, so you cannot get and sustain tone without a sufficient power behind the blow upon the keys. Ninety per cent. of the driving force resides in your hands and arms. Why not utilize it?

Small Hands vs. Octaves

I have a pupil 13 years old who can reach the octave only with effort. She reads well, has finished Lemoine, Op. 37, and 32 studies selected from Czerny Op. 829, 849, 335 and 636.

Will you kindly suggest exercises that I could use in her case to develop the muscle at the base of the thumb, as that is evidently where the trouble lies. Also, please name some pieces to be used in connection with the exercises.—Mrs. A. J. G.

I should not worry too much about this inability to play octaves, since your pupil's hand will doubtless expand with her natural growth. Assist this expansion, of course, as far as is prudent by simple exercises that will not strain the hand. Exercises in pivoting on the thumb

are valuable, such as the following. The left hand (for which the fingering is given below the notes) should play two octaves below the right:



Here is an exercise in broken sixths, which will tend directly to expand the hand:



In practicing the latter exercise, the wrist should be held high, and the hand and forearm should be allowed to rotate freely from side to side, in the direction of each key as it is played. The exercise may be carried up and down through two octaves, and in other keys, if desired. When the pupil's hand has grown sufficiently, broken octaves instead of sixths may be employed.

For musical material, you will of course choose studies and pieces in which octaves are not a prominent feature, and where occasional stretchy chords may be modified to suit the pupil's limitations. Of moderate compass among classics are Bach's Two-Part Inventions, and among more modern studies Heller's Op. 47 and Op. 46. For pieces, the following occur to me

Haydn: Sonata in F, No. 20 (Presser edition). Jadassohn: Albumleaf in A flat.

Debussy: Arabesque in G major. Gouvy: Impromptu in A major.

The Equipment of an Artist

What is required of a first-class piano artist, of whom the most is demanded?--M. D.

This is a large order; for if we look about sufficiently, we must realize that only one of perhaps ten thousand piano students ever attain the suggested standard. And how many Paderewskis, De Pachmanns and Bauers are

But the small number of these first-raters is not so surprising if we consider the necessary qualifications, some of which are:

- (1) Evident musical talent, and an early development of that talent.
 - (2) A genius for accuracy of detail.
- (3) Strong and supple hands and fingers, well adapted the keyboard.
- (4) The ability to criticise one's self, and—better still to withstand criticism from others
 - (5) A vigorous physique, and unflinching nerves.
- (6) An attractive and gracious personality. (7) Infinite concentration and perseverance.

Given all these qualities, next in order comes their development by years of unflagging industry. For a beginning, let us say that the candidate (already well over the preliminary stage) pursues the regular course in a firstclass conservatory, where four to six hours are spent daily during the required number of years in piano practice, which is supplemented by class work in musical theory and other cultural subjects. With diploma in hand, is she now a full-fledged artist? Far from it; for after this apprentice period should come a period of digestion of the instructions received; of the gradual unfolding of the individuality and maturity of her genius. Then, and then alone, is she prepared to tempt the capricious public, and to strengthen those points in which its criticisms may find her weak.

These are some of the tasks that confront the young aspirant. Do they seem insurmountable? At the top of the pianistic ladder are only those dauntless souls who have carried forward the banner, Excelsior, through every hardship; and it is to easily along that the hardship; and it is to such alone that the title of Great

Artist may finally be given.

A POOR PIANO TEACHER NAMED BRAHMS

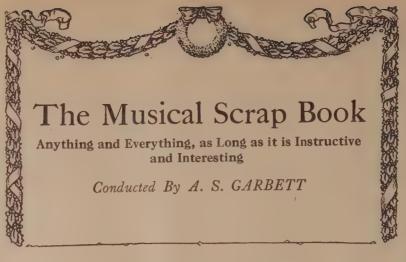
As most musicians know, the Brahms' transcriptions of the Hungarian dances resulted from the chance that in his youth Brahms acted as accompanist to Remenyi, the Hungarian gypsy violinist. The two met in Hamburg, 1852; and Remenyi's accompanist having failed to appear, he asked Auguste Böhm to suggest a substitute. Böhm recommended "a poor piano teacher named Johannes Brahms." Remenyi himself tell the rest, as he does in the book by Gwendolyn Kelley and George P. Upton, entitled Edouard Remenyi, Musician, Litterateur and Man.

"About five o'clock of the same day, while practicing in my room, somebody knocked at the door, and in came a youth with a very high soprano voice, but whose features, owing to the dusk of the evening, I could not well discern. I lighted a candle, and then saw standing before me a young man who appeared to be about sixteen or seventeen years of age. Both of us at that time were mere boys, and probably looked younger than we were in reality. He observed in a modest way, 'My name is Johannes Brahms. I have been sent here by Mr. Böhm to accompany you and shall be very happy if I can satisfy you as an accompanist.' We began to rehearse at once, but he had scarcely touched the piano before I found that he was a far better musician than my previous accompanist, and I became interested at once in my new-made friend. I don't know why, but at that very instant a sort of aureole seemed to linger round his face, it lighted up so beautifully, and I distinctly remember soliloquizing to myself: 'There is genius here. This is no ordinary pianist. Fate has laid her fingers on my friend.' I addressed to him question after question concerning his career, and learned among other things that he made compositions of his own. We ceased rehearsing, and when he began to play one of his sonatas, violin, soirée engagements and everything were forgotten in the intense enthusiasm that was engendered by the occasion....You may imagine the character of the interview when I tell you we did not separate till four o'clock in the morning."

MUSIC AND GOODWILL

WRITING in the Atlantic Monthly, Sir Francis Younghusband, a British army officer of distinction, reminds us that "shellshock" was not confined to the war. "In most people's lives occasions come when some fearful shock knocks them off their balance as completely as shell-shock." He writes feelingly of the need of a religion founded on "World-Love" to combat such emotional disorganization, in which apparently music is to play a prominent part.

"We should need music—the music of poetry and the music of sound-to strengthen and refine the sentiment in us," he says. "We should want songs, hymns, anthems, oratorios, which would stimulate love of Mother-World as patriotic songs and marches stimulate love of country, and express in simple, soul-inspiring words and melodies the ineffable bliss of World-Love in moments of supreme exaltation. should want words and music which will show us what true excellence is, and encourage us to admire, worship, and strive to attain it; words and music which will deepen our faith in the love at the heart of Mother-World, and exhort us to pray for strength, purity, courage and endurance; and words and music which will urge us to put World-Love into every act of our common-day life, till our good-will is absolutely invincible, and at the close of each day we may feel at peace with ourselves and with all the world."



PHONOGRAPH VERSUS RADIO

far that intensely modern form of concertgoing at home, listening to radio music, is affecting the admirers of the talkingmachine and its records. Writing in the London Musical Opinion, "Schaunaud" gives his entertaining views on the subject:

"There are signs that the gramophone companies are awakening to the fact that the serious music lover may be, after all, their strongest support. With all its faults the principal among these is that we are rarely given an orchestral work in its entirety, and that when we are so favored it is necessary to change over every three and a half minutes-I find myself resorting to it more and more, in spite of the opportunities offered for 'listening in.' Within the limits of my collection of records, I am sure of hitting a piece of music to fit the mood of the moment. There is a boon in this, and for none more so than for the mind compelled to wrestle with new music. Naturally, the records we

MANY music lovers are wondering how acquire become a collection of favorites, and to go back to these at the whim of the moment is like going back to an old pipe during the process of breaking in a

> "I look to the gramophone companies before long to remedy the major flaw in their achievement so far-to give us records which will play for the duration needful to present a symphonic movement without a break as the broadcasting people can do, for if this rumor speaks truth, the means to do this without altering the model of the instrument has already been hit on. In conclusion, it is not altogether prejudice against a new thing which leads me to prefer the way of the gramophone to the way of the broadcaster. Is there not something just a trifle vulgar about this broadcasting of music and speechof song and homily-into the air for all to receive whether they like it or not? We shall be nearer to the vision of Edward Bellamy when the power to select is added to our power to receive."

THE GIFT OF AUDITORY IMAGERY

Among psychologists, Carl E. Seashore, of the University of Iowa, is almost alone in seeking to plumb the depths of musical talent by the modern method of measurement and mental tests. His description of the power some musicians (perhaps all true composers) have of hearing music "with the inner ear" is taken from his book, The Psychology of Musical Talent.

"When we have heard a tune, some of us have the power to hear it over again; it comes back to us: it follows us: it may even be so persistent as to haunt us. It is heard in imagination-more than imagination, in act, for it is actual hearing in the absence of outward sound. We can play the tune, hear the counterpoint, follow the resoluton of the chord, admire the attack, respond emotionally to the exquisite nuance which are rolled off in our This is called auditory mind's ear. imagery. In this auditory imagery lies one

of the most precious of the gifts of music —the ability to live in a world of mental tones. In this capacity nature has bestowed her gifts unevenly. One reason the radical difference among individuals is not well known is that those who are not blessed with it do not know what they lack or It is like color-blindness; the color blind individual does not perceive what he fails to see.

"In this fact of inner experience, subjective music or realism, the constant reverberation to musical ideas because they are lived in the concrete, lies the explanation of the mysterious holds of music upon some minds, and the scientific explanation of much of the art of appreciation. One person is cool and logical in his musical reaction-makes a good business man, supervisor or director; the other is warm in emotional response and is the artist. Here is the cornerstone of the 'artistic temperament.'"

LISZT AMONG HIS PUPILS

BETTINA WALKER, a pianist who had the advantage of studying with Liszt at Weimar, gives us the following in her book, My Musical Experiences,
"The following may serve as an exam-

ple of how he (Liszt) treated a bungling and badly trained player: A young man began to play one of the Meister's own compositions—a difficult polonaise—and in a few bars from the start came down with a jumble of wrong notes on a difficult chord, and when Liszt said, in a loud voice, 'Begin again,' the luckless player, trying the piece a second time, made the same blunder over again.

"'Shame, shame!' said Liszt, in a still louder voice, 'begin once more!' The unfortunate individual started off once again, came to the passage and, for the third time, played the chord all wrong. Then, indeed, there was a scene which I cannot easily forget. Liszt's voice trembled with anger and scorn, as, flinging the music from the desk, he said more than once, in a voice which was calculated to terrify us all, 'Do you know to whom you have been' playing? You have no business here. Go to the Conservatoire; that is the place for such as you."

IN HONOR OF STEPHEN FOSTEK

A News note informs us that the "Ol Kentucky Home," near Bardstown, Ke tucky, where Stephen Collins Foster wrot the song known all over the world by the name, was dedicated July 4 as a memoria to the author and composer. As the resu of all appeal by Governor Edwin P. Mor row, and the appointment of a State Con mission, a fund was raised and the "O Kentucky Home Association" was incom porated to buy the old house and maintai it for the benefit of future generations.

A good thing! Yet one cannot he wishing that the house had been bough and maintained for the benefit of thi sweetest of American singers while he ye lived. He need not then have died in th pauper's ward of Bellevue Hospital!

The house, we learn, is of historic im portance, aside from its connection wit Foster, according to the New York World It was built in 1795 by Judge John Rowar one of the first United States Senator from Kentucky. Lafayette was entertained there in 1825. It is known as "Federa Hill," and is said to be one of the pures examples of Colonial architecture nov remaining in Kentucky.

The transfer to the State also commem orated the ninety-seventh anniversary of Stephen C. Foster's birth. His birthplac at Pittsburgh belongs to that city. A few years ago another memorial was established in the form of an endowment to enable the Bowery Mission, New York City, to help men as down and out as h was when he lived on the Bowery and sold his songs for a few dollars to but bread and rum.

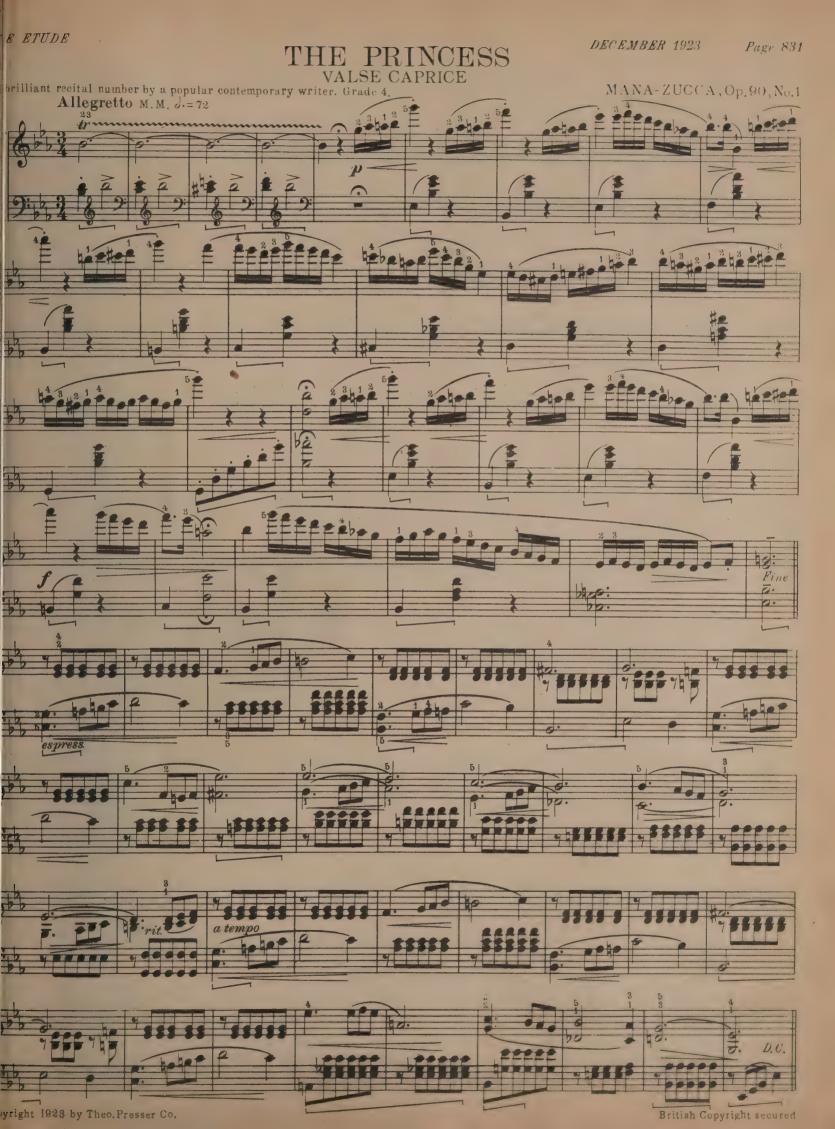
MUSIC AFTER MEALS

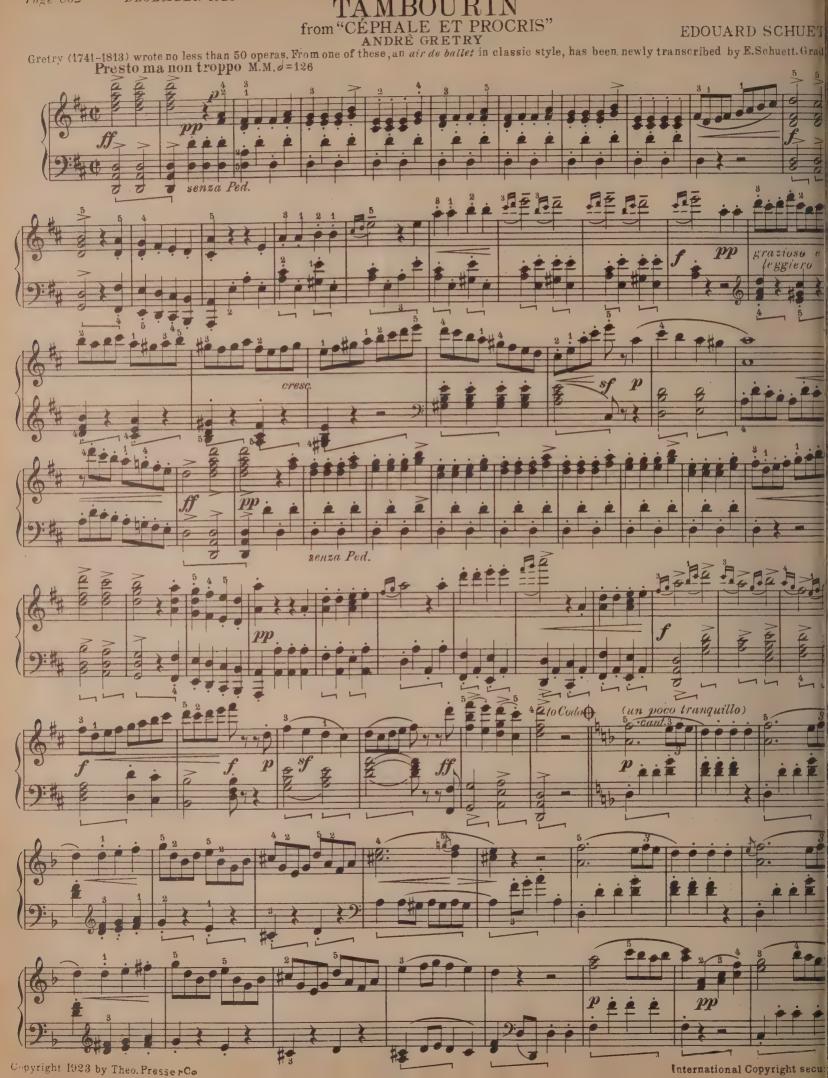
In an entertaining volume of essays published under the title of Music and Life Mr. W. J. Turner writes one "On Listening to Music," in which he discusses the difficulty of listening to good music after a full meal. "There seems to me little doubt that

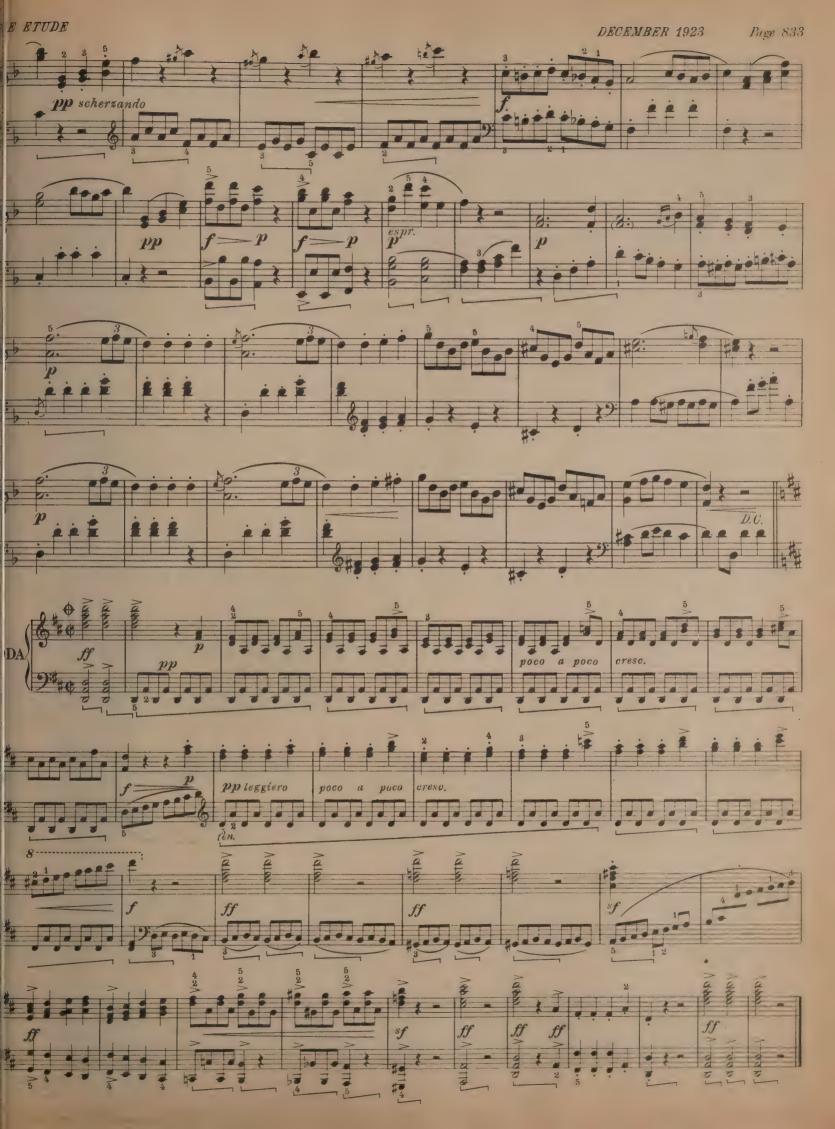
most of our audiences go to the concerhall or theater more or less fuddled with food and drink. They have not eaten or drank to excess, merely to repletion; and as every athlete knows, it is impossible to do good work immediately after a heavy meal. People seem to think that they can listen to music in a state in which no first rate composer would dream of composing They believe that no work is required o them; but if it does not take quite so much mental energy to listen to a Brahms symphony as to write it, yet it takes far more than the average listener is capable of Large numbers of people sit through the 'Promenades' in a state of blissful stupo digesting their dinner to the sound of music It takes something like Tschaikowsky' '1812' Overture to make much of an effect upon them. Their senses are not keep enough to perceive the wealth of musical beauty that is in any first-rate work. No one would wish to debar them from the pleasure they get, but it is a very tame and primitive sensation compared with the intense and passionate realization of musica beauty which comes with concentration and the exercise of the sensuous imagination.

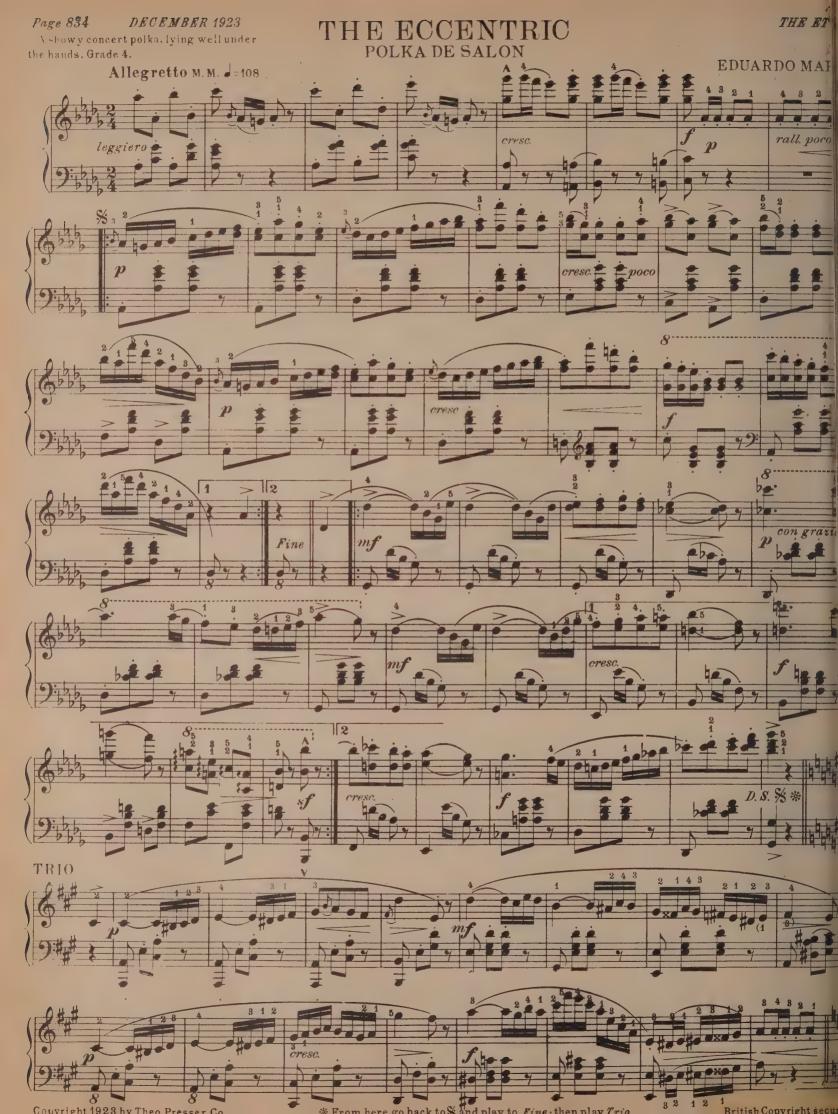
Haydn apparently felt the same way Did he not write his "Surprise Symphony to startle his comatose audience in the day when it was the fashion to dine heartil and wash down the good roast beef with copious draughts of port wine?

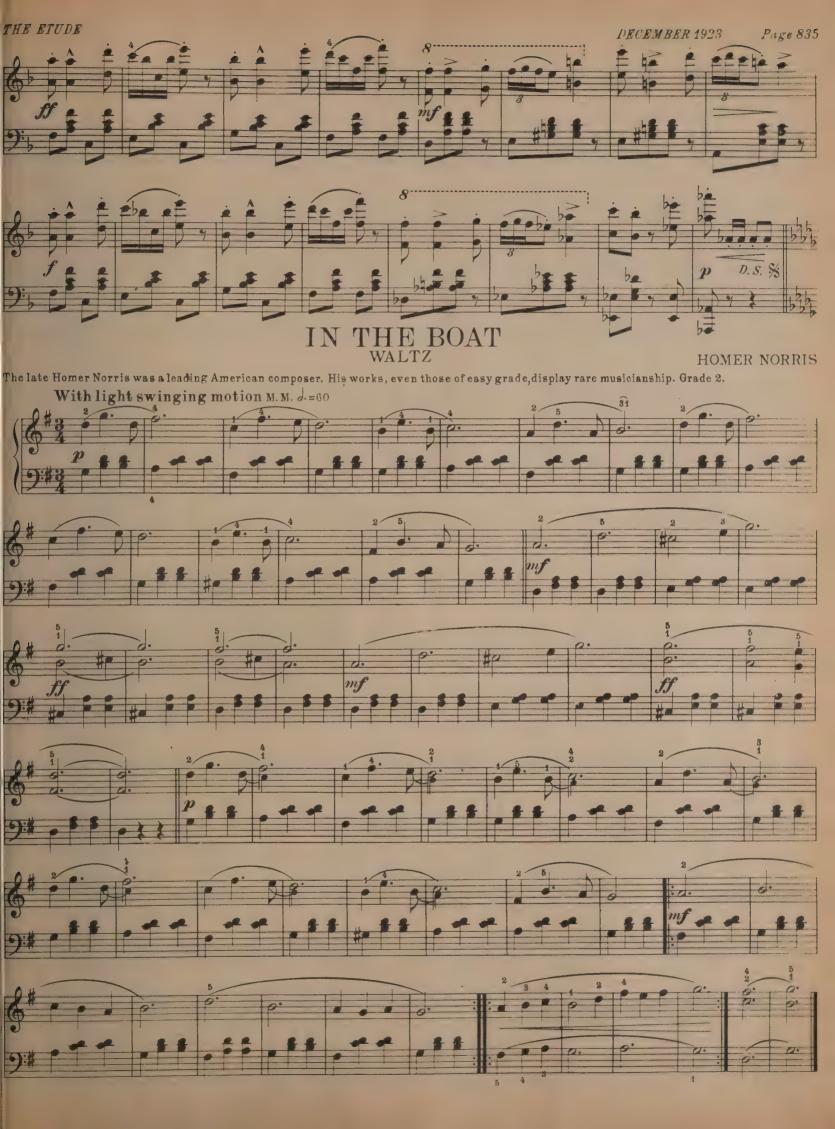
"I compose for myself; it is just a ques tion between me and my Maker. I grow as I exercise my faculties, and expression is a necessary form of spiritual exercis How shall I live? Express what I thin and feel or what you feel? No, I must honest and sincere. I must for the nec of myself, live my own life, for work is for the worker at the last."—RICHARI

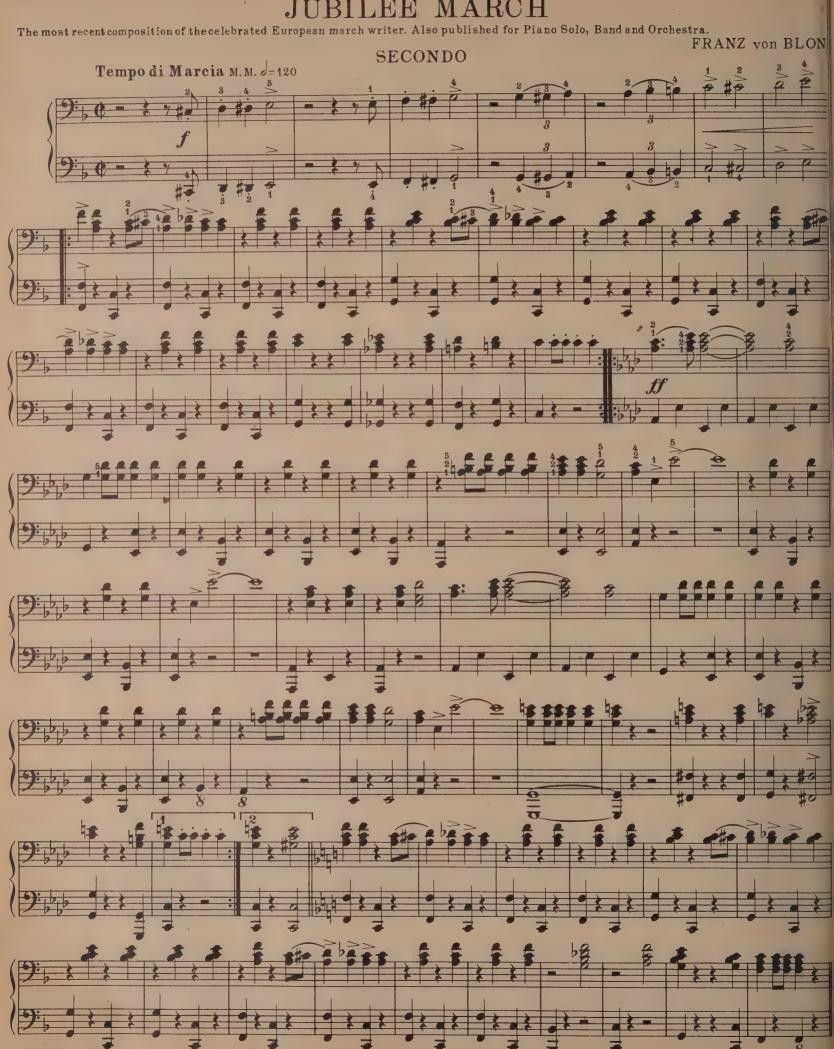




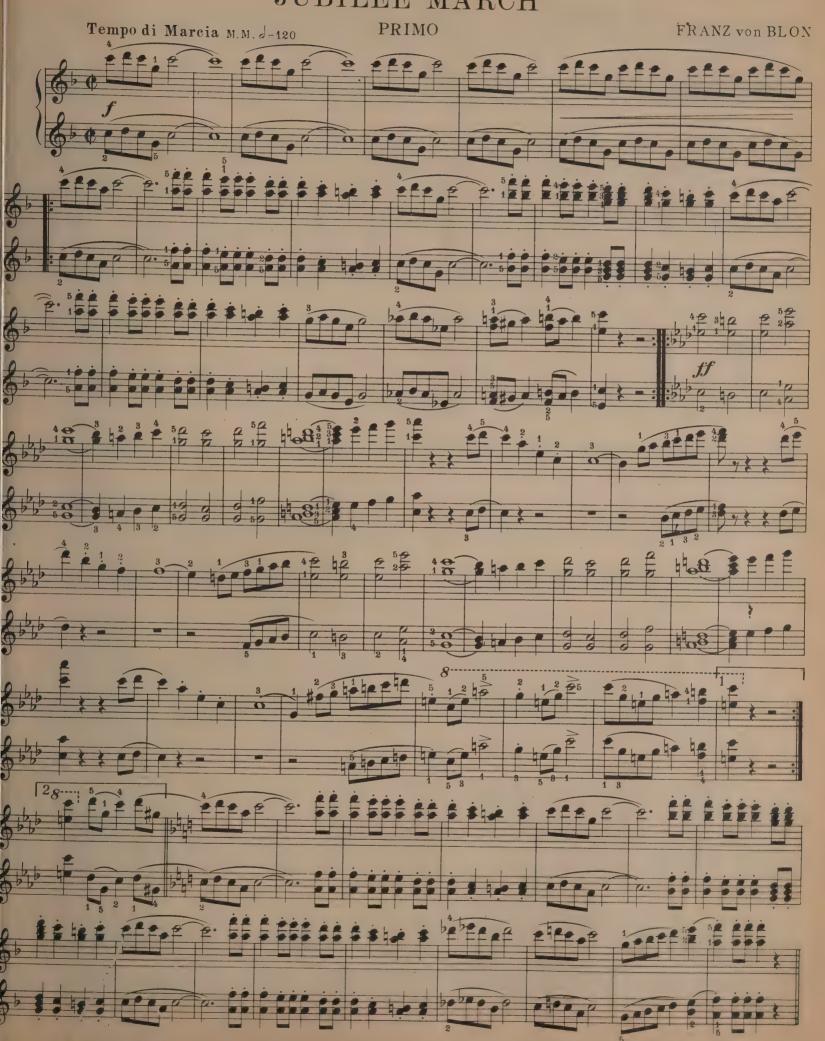


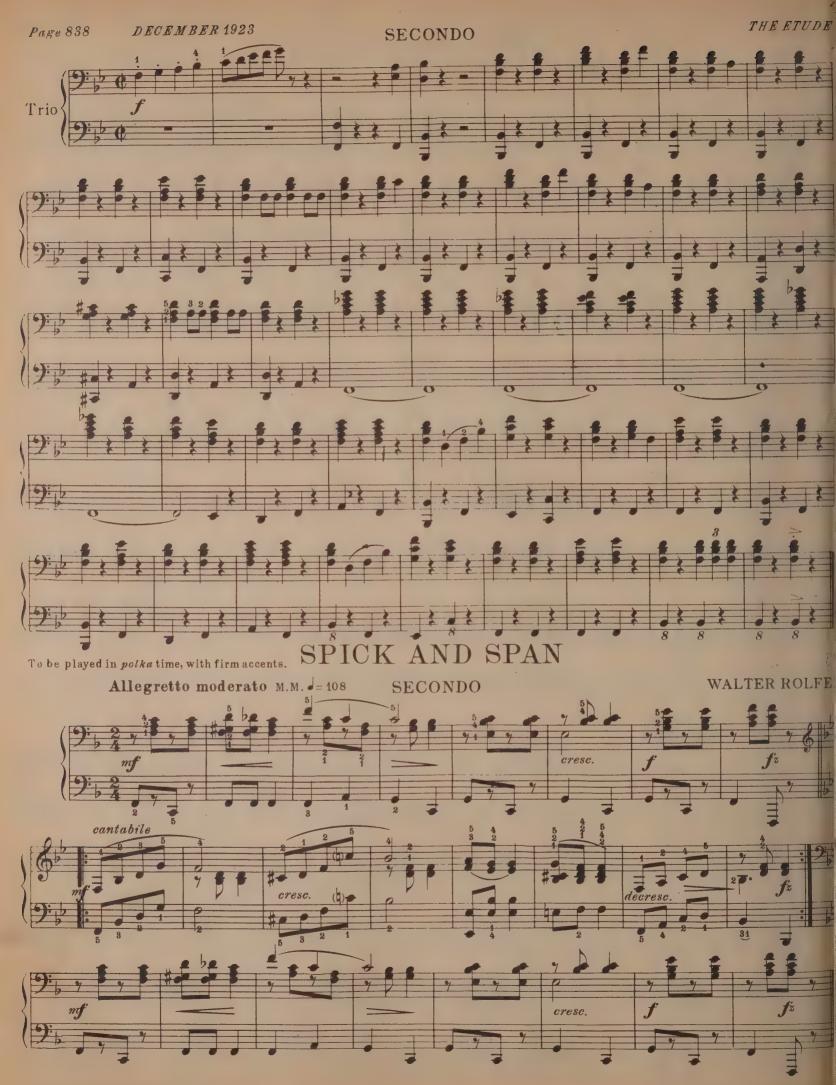


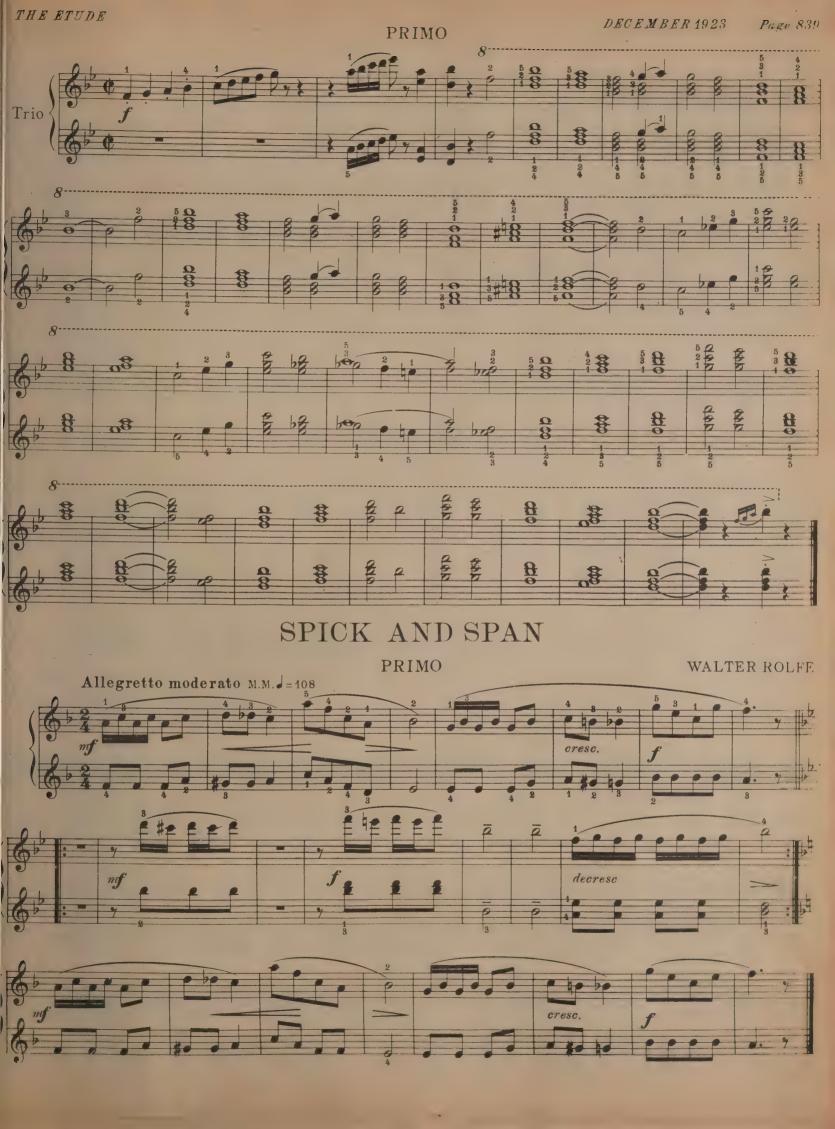


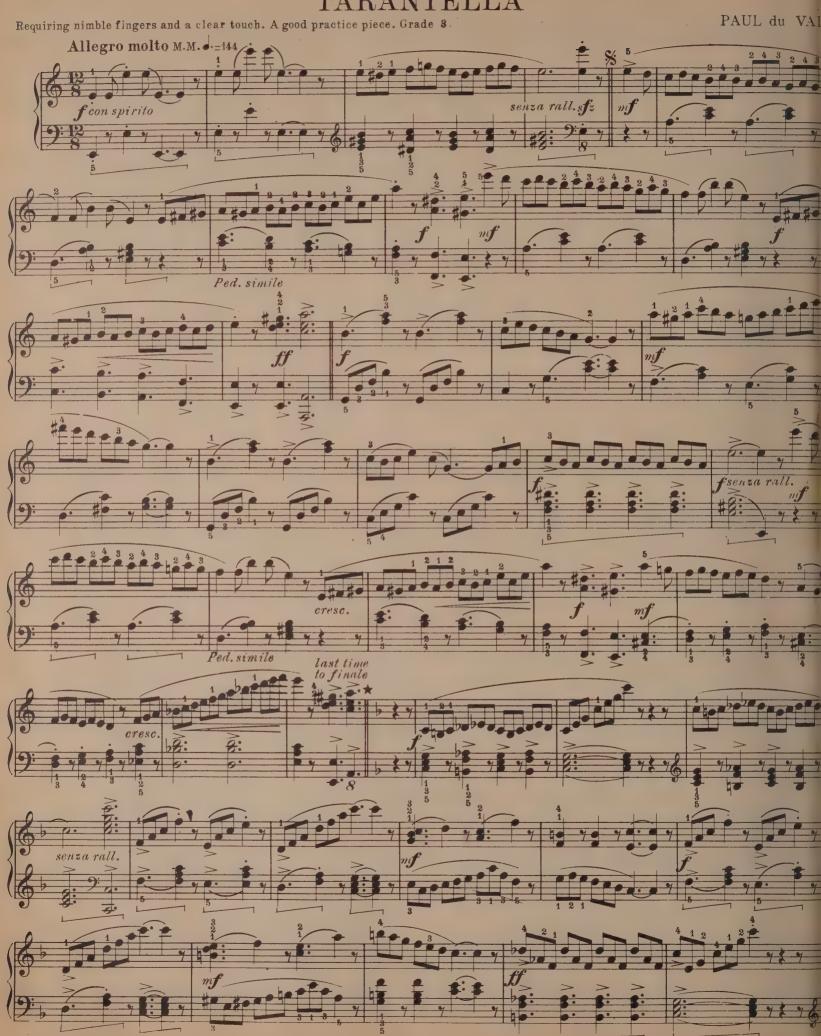


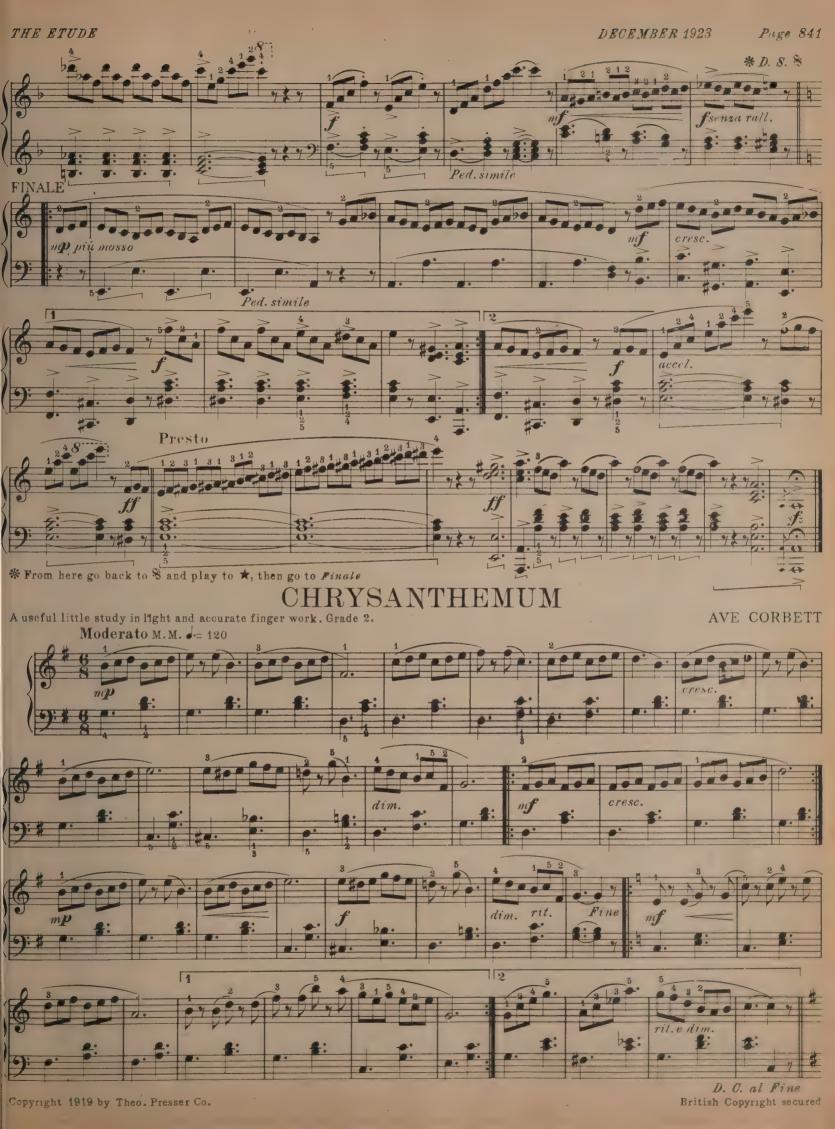
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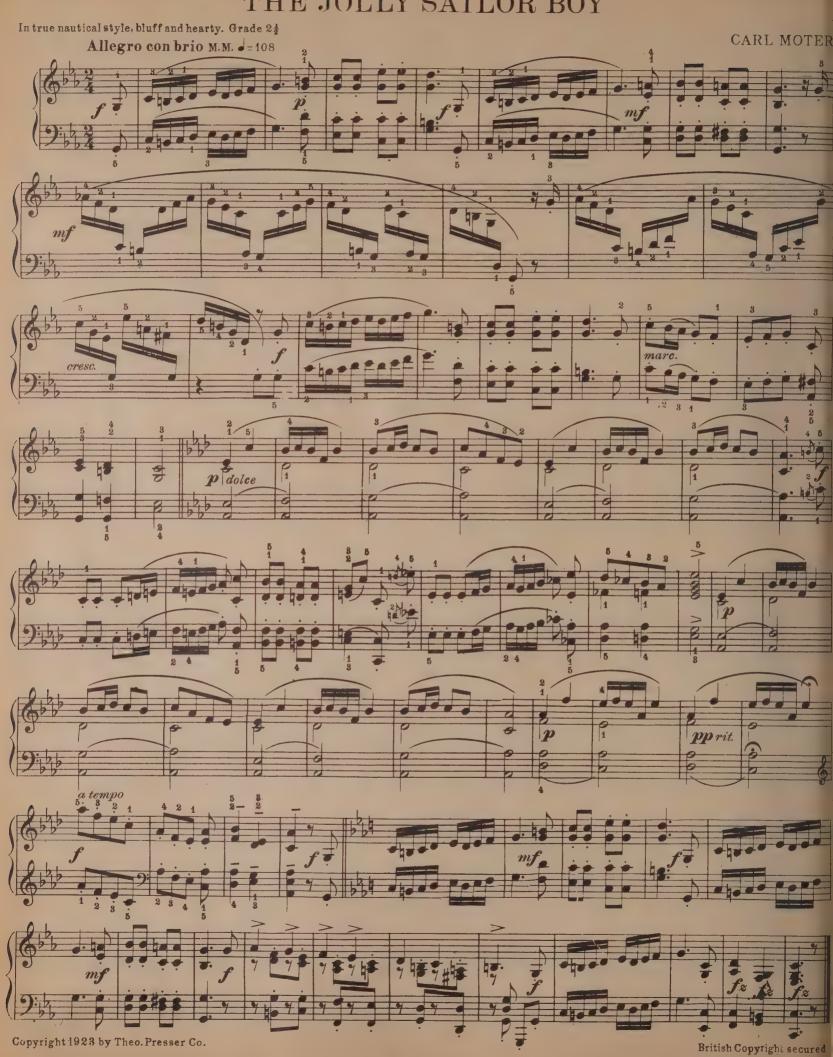








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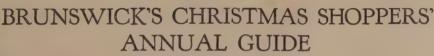


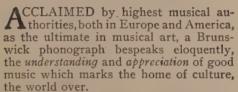
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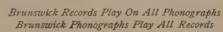
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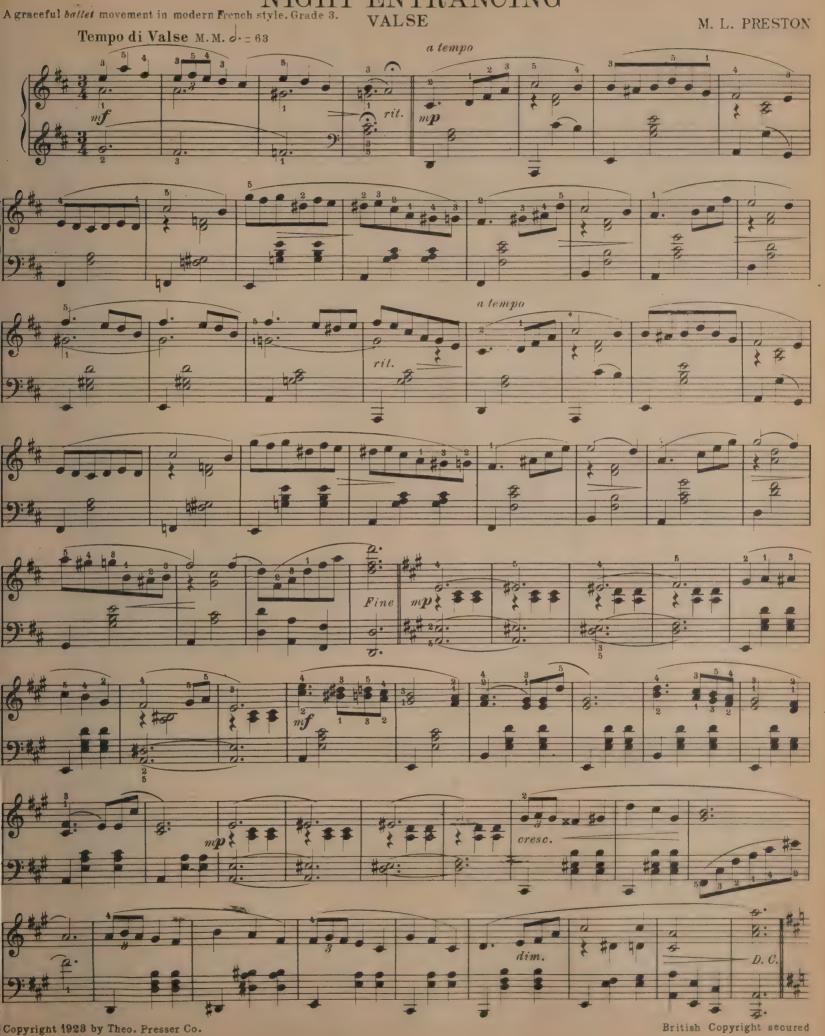


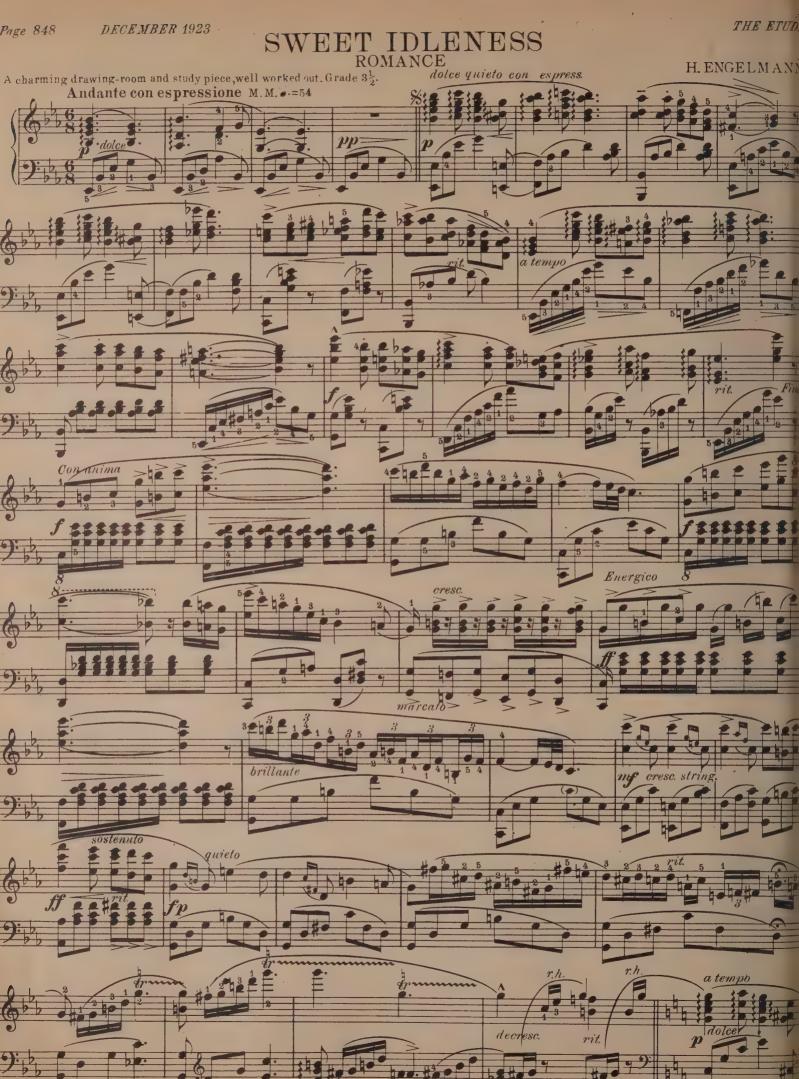
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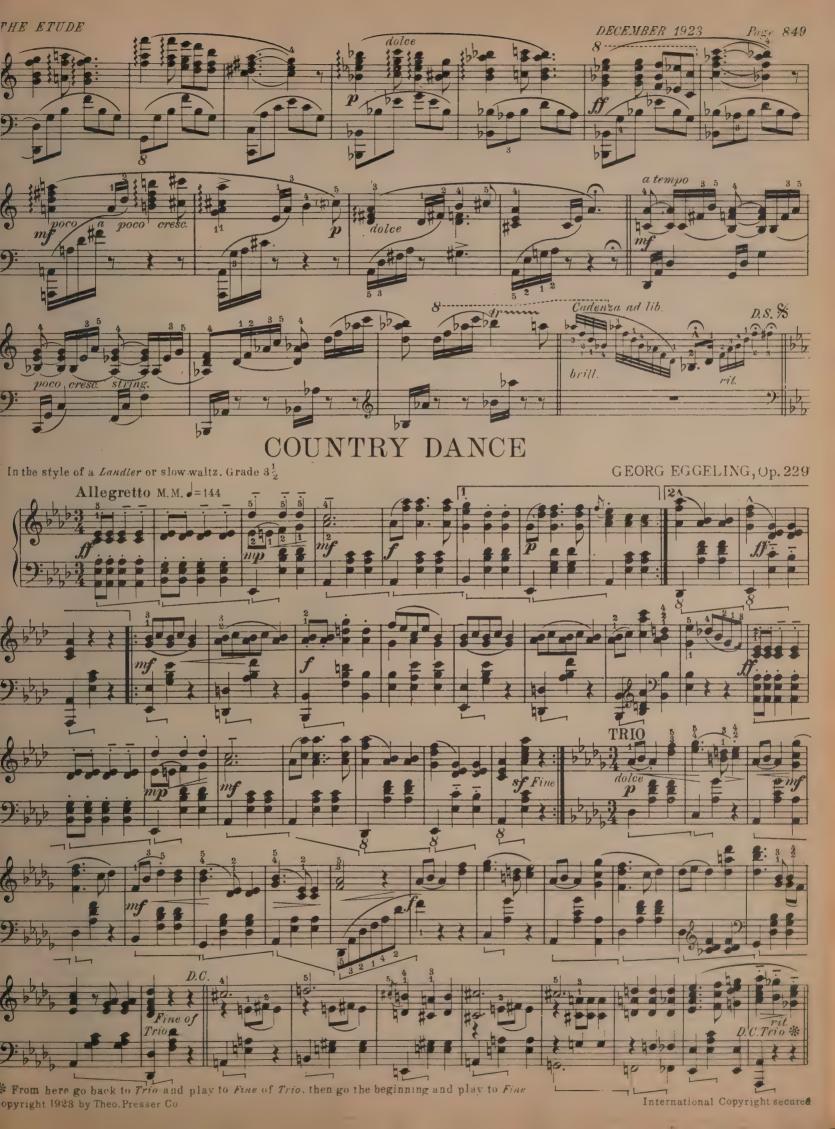
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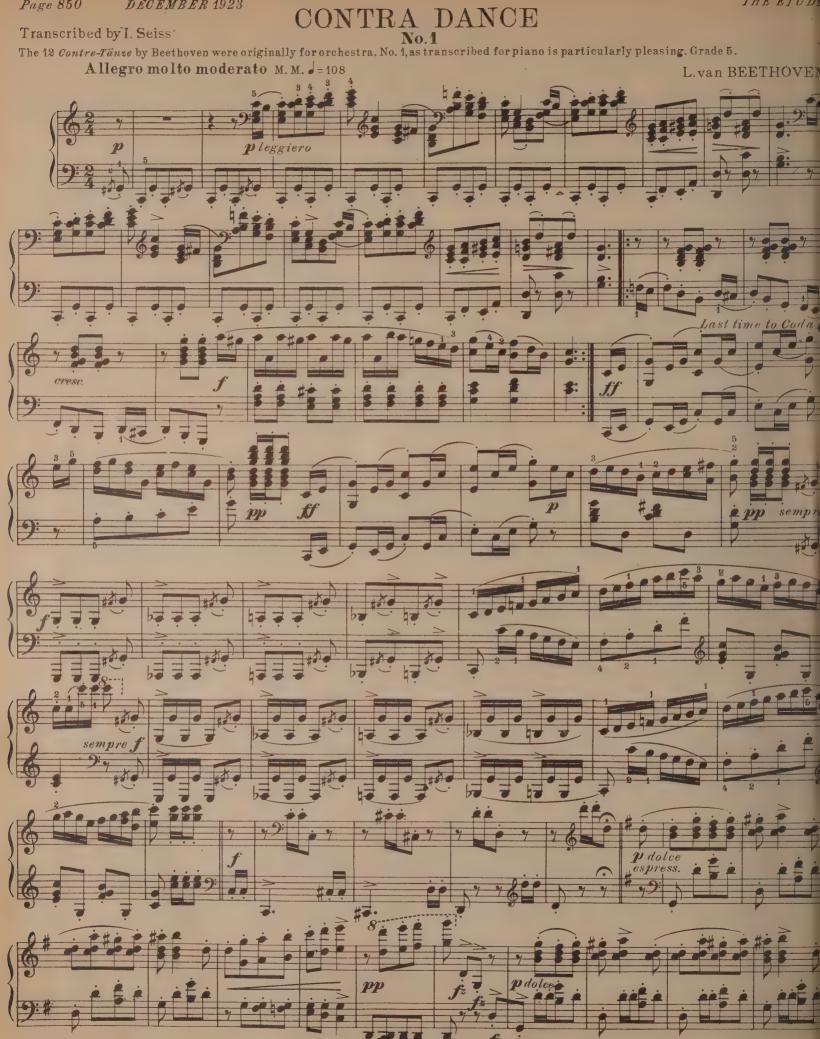


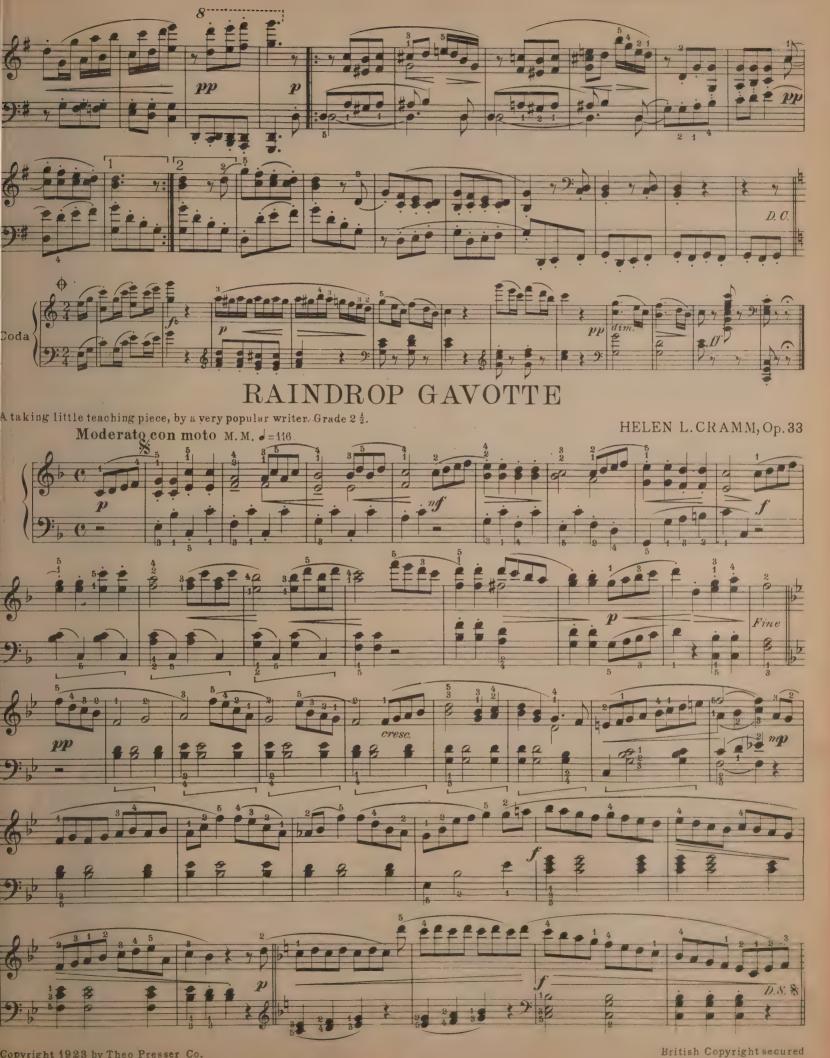


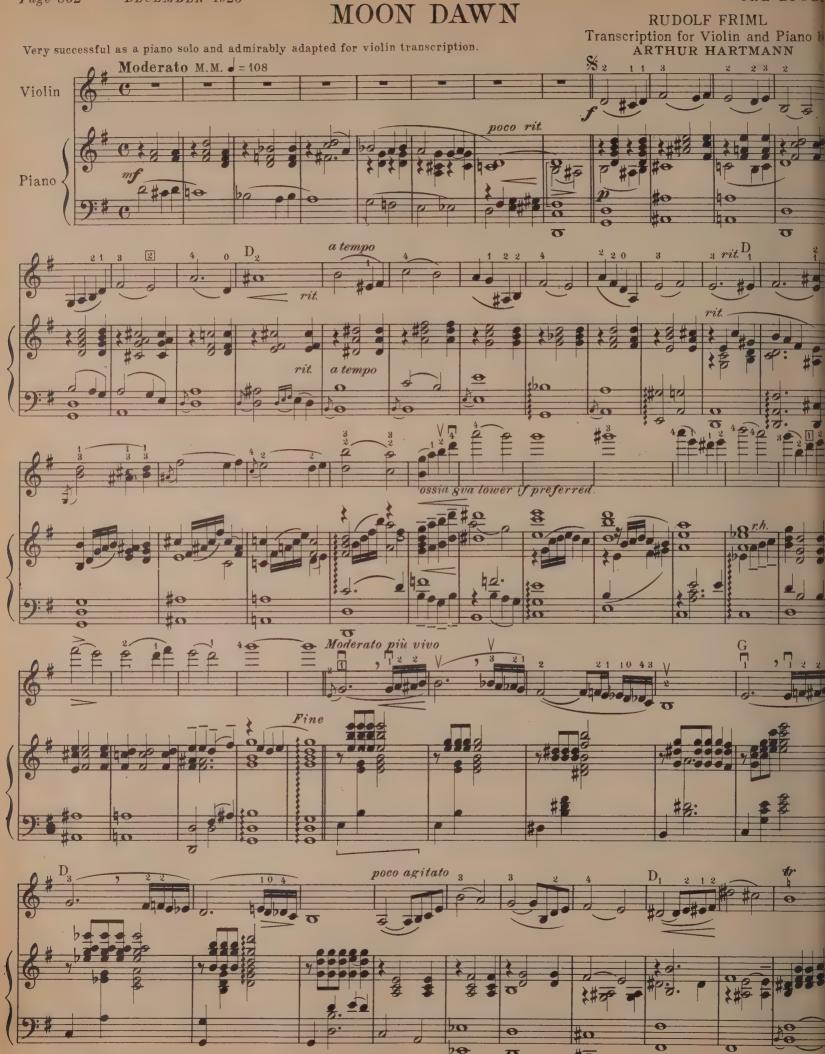


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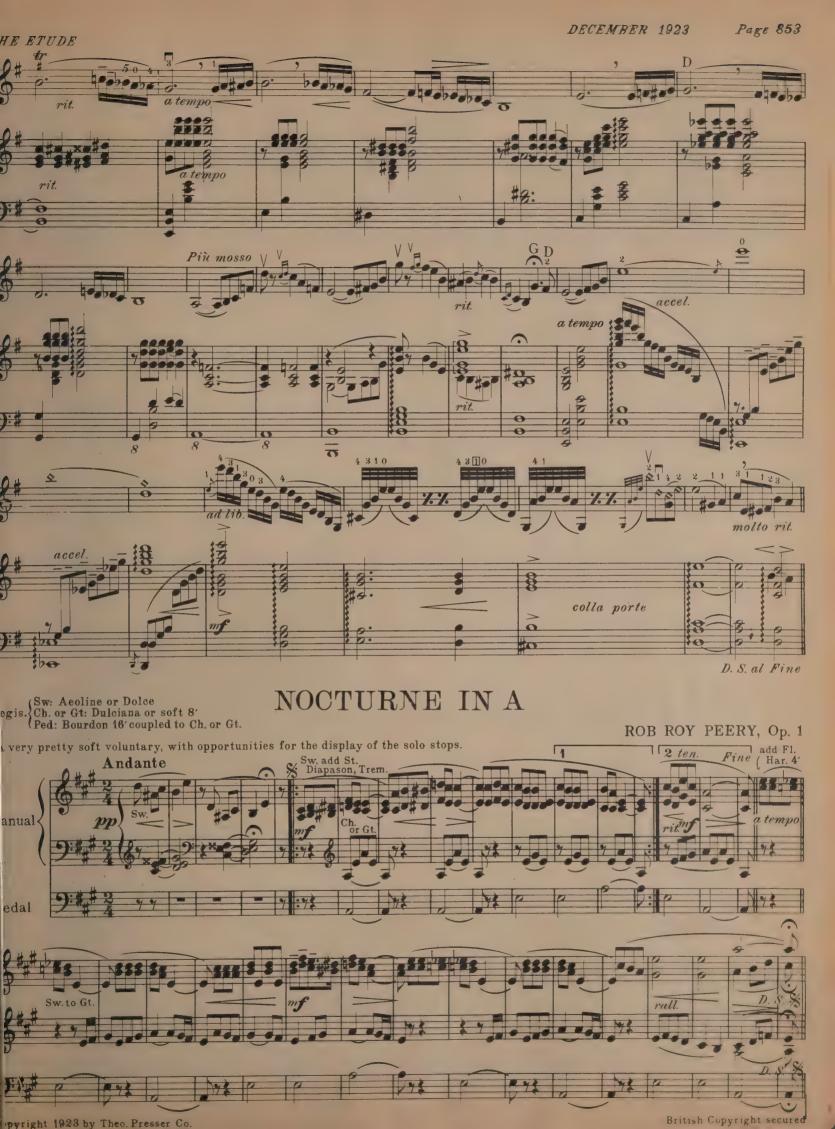
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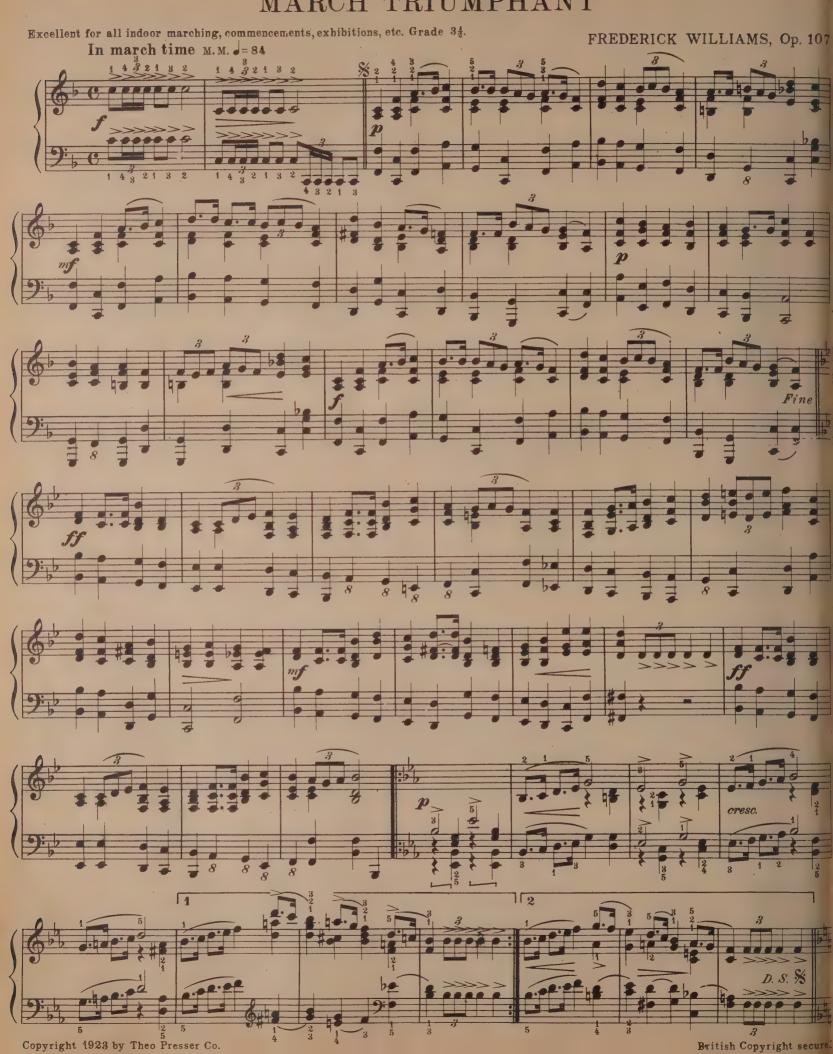




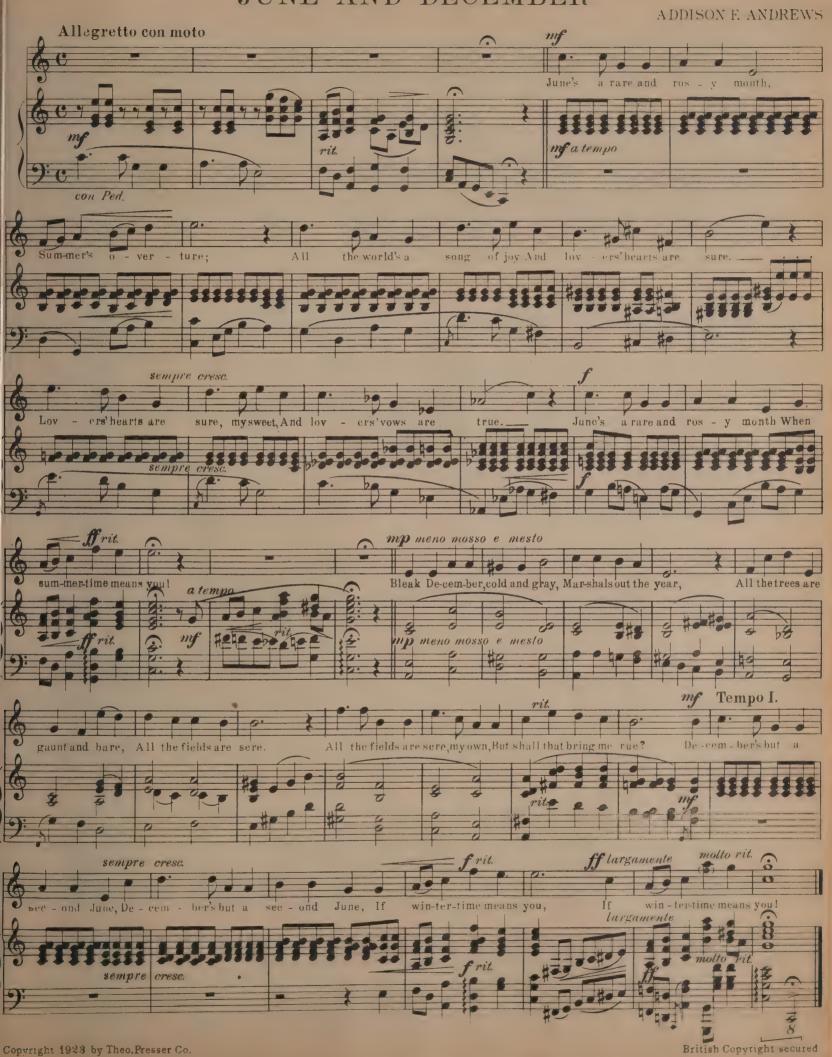
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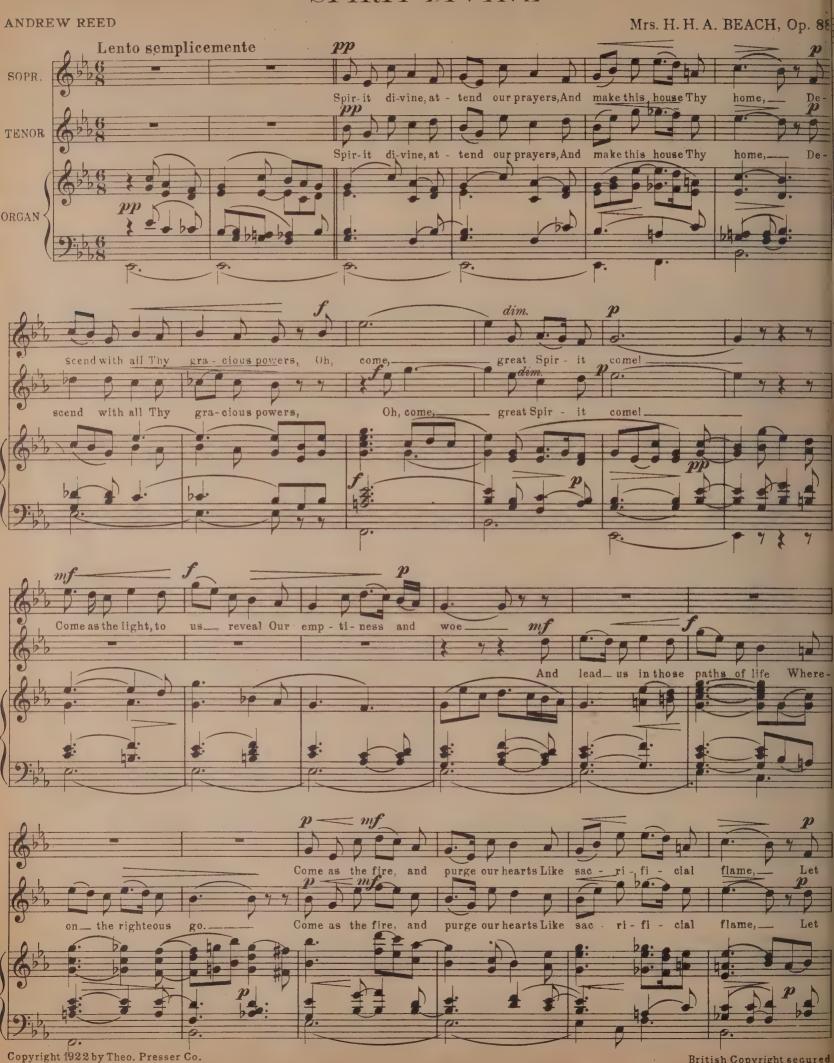


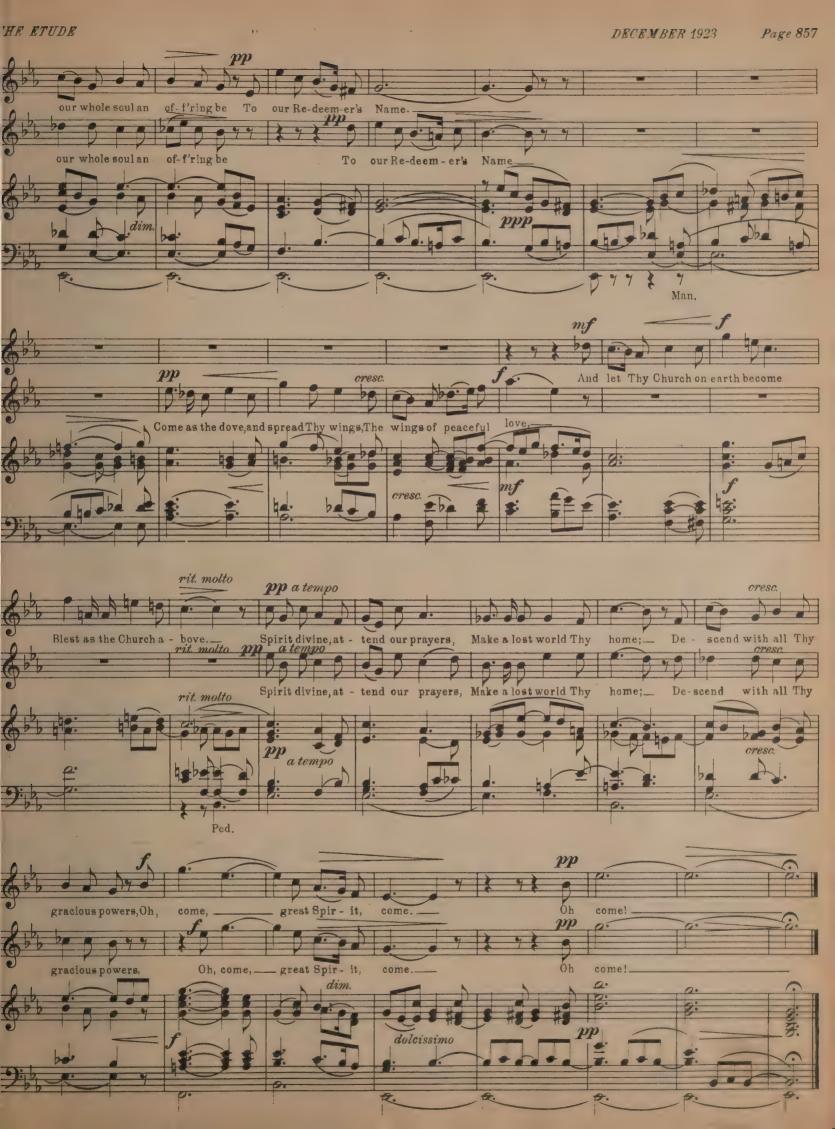




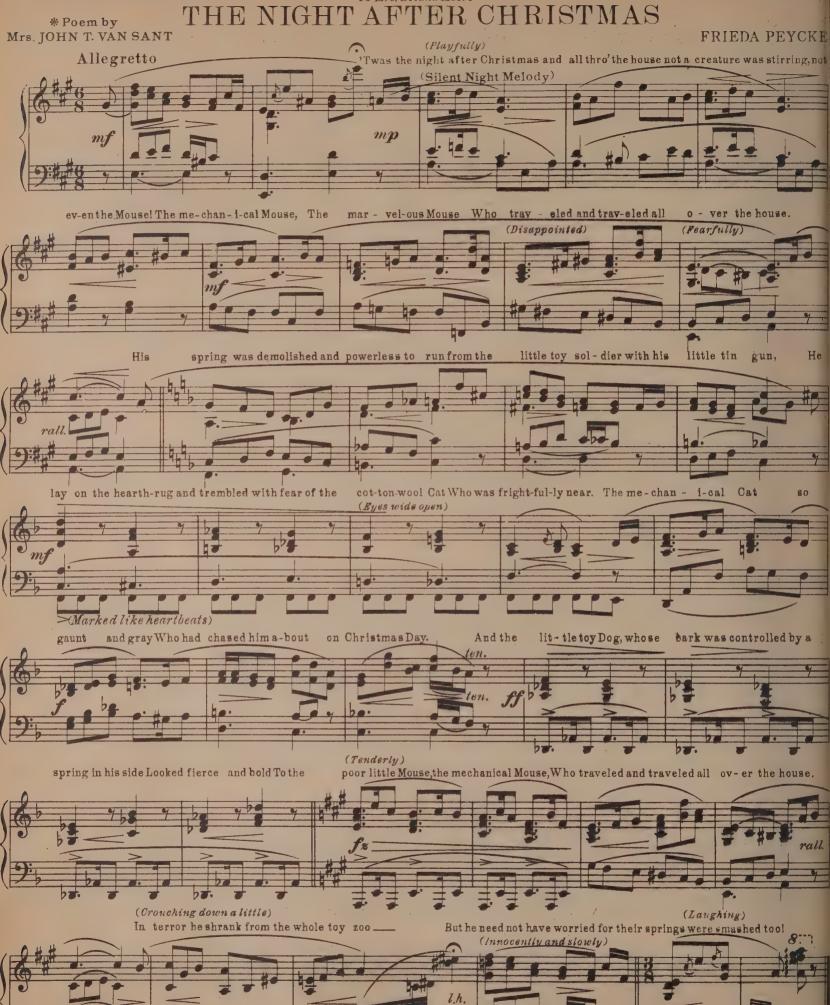
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Cause and Cure of Singer's Colds

By Irving Wilson Voorhees, M. D., New York City

condition from the doctor's viewpoint, it is not only important, but also of the first magnitude in singers. Everyone knows that if a singer has a cold it is often impossible for him to carry out his program, and, through some perversity of fate, quite often these infections take place just preceding an important engagement. It is for this reason that this brief article about colds is written from the viewpoint of one who has much to do with voice troubles of singers.

Cold Preventives

While preventive medicine is the watchword of the present-day physician, hitherto prevention of colds was regarded as quite impossible. The reason for this attitude is that the nature of colds has not been well understood until recently; and now we know that a cold is an acute infectious disease caused by various microorganisms which find lodgment somewhere on the respiratory mucous membrane. Some persons are especially susceptible to these infections because they are as the physician says "sensitized; that is, the protective mechanism of the body does not react against exposure to a cold and, therefore, the symptoms quickly arise upon the slightest provocation. By some authorities it has been thought that frequent colds are influenced by what is known as acidosis, excessive acidity of the body fluids. Normally the blood is an alkaline fluid, and, while it never under any conditions becomes absolutely acid, its alkalinity is sometimes greatly diminished, and particularly so in certain infectious diseases.

The above subject is elaborated in a book, "Hygiene of the Voice," now on the

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Then, too, the building up and tearing down processes of the body which conjointly are known as metabolism may be out of balance. There are certain glands such as the thyroid in the neck, the adrenal glands which lie adjacent to the kidneys and various others which are said to have an "internal secretion;" namely, a secretion which passes out into the general system and determines such matters as growth, digestion and blood pressure. All of this is too abstruse for our present purpose, but in order to have an adequate background.

Lessened Resistance

Lessened resistance is a common cause of all infections. For instance, if the surface of the body is exposed to cold, the blood is driven inward to the internal organs, bringing about congestion and lessened resistance and derangement of function. Experimentally it has been proven that animals whose feet were exposed by standing in cold water were more susceptible to infection than those living under normal conditions. Therefore, draughts and wet feet pre-dispose to

WHILE a "cold" is always an important ance and enable the germs already present drum and ultimately mastoiditis. It is instance, as bad air from poorly ventilated houses or public places lessen the Likewise improper resistance. breathing due to obstructions such as a crooked partition in the nose, or diseased ed infection. tonsils and adenoids cause a mal-function of the respiratory system. The air breathed during the night as well as in the daytime should be as pure as possible. Exercises in the open are especially desirable because the blood is oxygenated rapidly in the lungs, waste products are quickly burned out in the tissues, respiration is activated, and the lungs and kidneys are more vigorous in throwing off products of excretion.

Another disideratum is the importance of proper clothing, especially underwear. It is equally foolish to wear in cold weather the flimsy, cotton underwear, ordinarily worn in the summer, or to wear a heavy flannel which causes the skin to perspire freely and keep it damp. As the advertisements have it, "the skin must breathe;" and hence the best kind of underwear, theoretically and practically, is a linen mesh or linen and wool combined in the same garment. Such texture keeps, the body surface warm and yet allows free ventilation to the skin, absorbing the moisture from the skin

Pet Remedies

When a cold has been acquired, what is to be done? Many varieties of treatment have been recommended both in and out of the medical profession. everyone has some pet remedy, the most popular among which used to be quinine and whiskey, less spoken of in these latter days; but the principles of cure are dependent upon the fact that we have to deal with a local infection in the nose, throat or chest, which later becomes a constitutional or general infection just so soon as the bacteria and their toxines begin to extend their influence to the general system.

The first symptom is a dryness, irritation or tickling somewhere in the nose or back of the throat. This is probably due to bacterial activity and nature often produces a sneeze in the effort to get rid understand the subject of colds one must of the irritating particles. Following the sneeze, there is a copious outflow of secretion which is nature's effort to wash a boastful phrase which is too often found the infection off of the mucous mem- on the lips of those who are foolhardy

In the next stage, the watery secretion given way to a thick mucous or muco-pus, which is yellowish or even greenish and "very heavy," as the expression is. At this stage, not only the nasal cavities commonly used in breathing are infected, but also the adjacent cavities known as accessory sinuses or resonators. We then have to deal with a "sinus infection." Further extension of the discharge may occur into the eustachian tubes and up incolds because they lessen the body resist- to the ears, causing abscesses behind the

on the respiratory mucous membrane to easy to see, therefore, what a serious get in their work. Such conditions, for matter a cold may sometimes become, and although many colds get well promptly without any special care or attention, there are many persons who suffer all the days of their lives from one such neglect-

The Family Doctor's Part

One should avoid self-medication and drug store "counter prescribing." Every pharmacist has some profitable concoction which he sells as a cure or preventive for colds. These remedies usually fail, and then the general practitioner is consulted.

It seems quite the natural thing to call in the family doctor, no matter what the illness. He is a tried and trusted friend, and "knows the constitution" as the homely phrase runs; but he has not as a rule been trained in local treatment of the respiratory infections, and looks upon the matter from a constitutional, symptomatic viewpoint. That is, he aims to relieve the symptoms through general medication via the stomach, and, of course, such measures as foot baths and hot applications and diet. If the problem is simple, the cold gets well promptly; but if the infection is severe, complications in the sinuses or ears arise, and eventually the respiratory specialist must take a hand and resort to heroic measures, when simple local treatment directed to the immediate site of the difficulty might have aborted or cured the infection at the very beginning.

The first thing for the patient to do is to get the bowels open by means of some good cathartic such as castor oil or epsom salts. Then a hot foot bath or a hot tub bath may be taken, followed by a glassful of hot lemonade. One should go immediately to bed and cover up with warm blankets in order to induce perspiration. The diet should be light; that is, scanty in amount and should consist of fresh vegetables chiefly. Meat should be interdicted for the time being, at least for most patients, as it increases the amount of waste to be thrown off by the

Don't

There are some "dont's" which ought to be strictly observed by singers, because they, above all others, suffer most from the consequences of neglected colds. In the first place, no singer should ever attempt to "sing through a cold." That is enough, or, perhaps unfortunate enough, to be obliged to sing through an acute infection of the respiratory tract. often, the voice is strained at such times because the nose is obstructed, nasal resonance is defective, and most of the vocal effort lies across the level of the larynx. A further reason is that the larynx is likely to be burdened with excessive secretion which causes the voice to sound harsh, prevents proper approximation of the vocal cords and encourages forcing and straining.

It sometimes happens that the voice is brilliant immediately preceding a
This is probably due to the fact that the mucous membrane is quite dry, the nose is open, and the cords free from secretion. Such a stage of happy exaltation is quickly succeeded by a stage of depression; for the voice is likely to be very bad or entirely lost for a few days thereafter.

Five Points of Attack

The principles upon which the specialist works are: first, to open the nose; second, to wash out the infection; third, to disininfect; fourth, to soothe by means of some bland medicament; and fifth, to prescribe some inhalant or other remedial measure to be used at home. The first essential is to keep the nose open because that is the only way by which proper drainage and aeration can be secured. The second principle, that of irrigation, is logical because it flushes the mucous membrane surface and removes bacteria and their toxines The third principle, that of destruction of micro-organisms, is important but needs to be carried out with care as the disinfectant applied may possibly do more harm than the bacteria themselves. The soothing principle is usually some antiseptic oil or combination of oils; and the inhalations used at home are commonly drugs which are precipitated into boiling water and the steam is inhaled therefrom.

People who are subject to very frequent colds, "one after another," as the expression goes, require considerable study at the hands of the specialist. They are not infrequently the victims of chronic sinus disease, which means that one or more of the accessory cavities of the head are infected and perhaps contain pus which is discharged at times; but a certain residue lies dormant or stagnant constantly. Body resistance is poor, and quite often there is a low blood pressure. Not infrequently these persons have suffered one or more severe attacks of influenza; and they have always noticed the pre-disposition to catch cold ever since. Here vaccines have sometimes been used with success; but quite often surgical operations are necessary in association with the vaccine.

Proper Bathing

Sometimes proper bathing will help "harden" the body. In the morning, on rising, one may bathe the face and neck with cold water. Then sponge or spray the body with hot water 100 degrees Fahrenheit. This is to be followed by a quick plunge or spray with cold water. After rubbing the surface quickly with cold water, rub thoroughly dry with a rough Turkish towel, and "polish" the skin with a second dry towel. The skin should then be red and quickened, and one should experience a feeling of exhilaration commonly known as "reaction."

Where one has a shower apparatus, this procedure can be very well carried out every morning; that is, a quick hot shower

lowed by a quick cold shower with within the first few hours, but can be cured oid drying and rubbing down. One may n dress in warm, clean underwear and ce the elements with a sense of security ainst catching cold. It must be under-od, however, that there are many perns who could not safely undergo this gorous hardening process.

Let us briefly summarize what I have ied to set forth in the preceding paraaphs.

A cold is an acute respiratory infection, first local, then constitutional in its fects. While very often a simple matr, it may lead to serious complications,

en death. It may be cured promptly

only with 'difficulty when thoroughly "seated." Never neglect a cold; never sing through a cold; do not consult pharmacist, and do not depend upon the general practitioner of medicine unless he has been especially trained in nose and throat work. Do not attempt to cure yourself by home treatment; because if you fail, as you are likely to, the cold will become thoroughly fastened upon you.

A specialist will be quicker (and cheaper) in the long run, and you will be saved hours of anxiety. One or two early treatments are sometimes all that are required to

Suggestions for Singing Students

By Arthur L. Manchester

Effortless Effort

THE difference between easy singing, rith tone of pure musical quality and the trenuous production of a harsh, unmusical one is the difference between correct proprly placed effort and excessive muscular nergy which results in strain. Singing is asy and natural when it is done correctly, et it requires no small degree of muscular fort. It is harmful to ignore the fact here is effort in singing. The secret lies. learning the distinction between correct ffort and strain. To realize this distincion means to form subconscious habits of auscular activity which will take care of all muscular effort, place it where it beongs and correlate it so perfectly as to produce a balance, a poise, that will give feeling of entire relaxation.

The term relaxation, frequently used, is og often misunderstood. It is too frequently interpreted to mean a flabby in-ertia that loses every vestige of control and ends in a state of strain every whit as had as overeffort. So far from being a flabby looseness relaxation is an active use of proper muscles so easily exerted and controlled that the effort becomes effortless—to use a paradox. This control cannot be acquired by simply this control of the control of ease, although that is one of the essentials. First there must be an understanding of where each muscle which is to take part in the effort is located, what its relation-ship to the act is and how its activity is to be maintained and controlled. This means study of local effort. Thus, to breathe correctly, with a control that will deliver the current of air in just the proper quantity and with just the right steadiness of pressure to the vocal cords, one must know what muscles are involved, where they are located, how they act and what is necessary for their easy and complete control. This means a sufficient study and practice of breathing to convert this knowledge into subconscious habit. When this is done, the act of breathing in singing will be effortless, leaving the throat free from strain and will become the motive power of the voice, working with machine-like automatism in response to the will.

This is the foundation of the vocal structure. A stiff body, slow to respond to the mandates of the will, will communicate its stiffness to the vocal and speech organs—the larynx, jaw, tongue and lips. Whenever strain is felt in the throat or at the jaw and tongue, the student may be pretty sure that there is also stiffness of body. Lack of poise and loss of control result. The body should be studied well. Not necessarily in anatomical detail, but with a purpose to become perfectly familiar with the sensations which accompany the act of breathing, both inhalation and exhalation. The student should learn to breathe with ease, as a result of a will-act and with the body always free from strain. The mental, control of this breathing should be absolute and purely automatic.

The act of phonation is an automatic one attended to by the larynx. All the student needs to do is to will to sing a certain pitch and the larynx assumes the condition necessary to produce that pitch, provided the breath is correctly used. There is no need for muscular help on the part of the muscles of throat, tongue or jaw. In truth, such action sets up an interference that defeats the intention. Here, again, local conditions must be studied. The tendencies of the muscles of throat, tongue and jaw must be learned; the sensations which accompany their activity must become so familiar that they will be anticipated, and the effect on breath, pitch and tone be fully understood. Then will follow the elimination of unnecessary activity, the establishment of a control that will produce the same sense of ease and automatism as has been established with the breath act. As these muscular interferences of the muscles lying above the larynx are eliminated, the student will become increasingly conscious of a feeling of poise, of ease and comfort and of a sub-conscious control over the tone, that is delightful. He will find that his mind is the controlling factor and that all muscular effort responds to it, working in harmonious coöperation and with a balance that leaves the body free from strain and produces relaxation without flabbiness. This is the explanation of effortless effort in

Singing Speech

The uniting of speech and song is apt to disturb the balance that has been acquired by the practice of vocalization on vowels. The increased activity of the tongue and jaw communicates itself to the back of the mouth, causing over-activity and affecting the breath action. Here is a condition that calls for local study. The use of the tongue, and the condition of the jaw, in forming closed vowel sounds and consonants must be analyzed and studied in detail. Only such action and muscular effort as are essential should be permitted and this should be done without allowing strain to assert itself. To illustrate: In singing "ah," the jaw is dropped, the tongue lies flat on the floor of the mouth and the tone is quietly breathed forward. To sing long "a" (as in fate), the tongue rises at the dorsum (just in front of the middle) slightly. To sing "e" (as in feet), the dorsum rises slightly higher than for "a." Watching the tongue as the following series of yowels, "ah"—"a"—"ce"—is sung the student will become aware of the tendency of the tongue to rise throughout its entire length, with an abrupt jump and a stiffness that reaches down to its base. He will find that this condition of the tongue extends to the jaw, which also becomes more or less set. As he tries to make the tone against this stiffened condition he will find that he is making an effort to push the tone past the obstruction thus formed and the whole vocal mechanism has become disarranged. The remedy



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lies in overcoming the stiff action of the tongue, lifting it less and keeping it free from strain. Then, instead of feeling that the vowel must be "made," he should think of it as quietly breathed to the upper teeth in front of the tongue passing the slightly lifted tongue without interference. He should be content with a small tone to begin with, increasing its volume as he acquires control. This is another instance of establishing poise and effortless effort.

Similar analysis of consonants will reveal tendencies of the tongue which also interfere with easy tone production. "1," "d," "n" and "t" are produced by the tip of the tongue. As the student attempts to prefix them to a vowel, "lah," "lay," "dah," "day," "no," "too," he will be very apt to use more than the tip and to make the action too violently. This disturbs the even flow of the breath and induces a push at the base of the tongue. Care taken to learn just what movement of the tip is needed to form these consonants and practice in that use will give control, eliminating all unnecessary action and bringing about the proper balance. Then, if a series of tones is sung to these syllables, the effortless effort will again be felt.

Merging the Speaking Voice Into Singing Tone

Singing is speech combined with sustained tone. The psychology is identical in both cases. The breath use constitutes the main difference in the physical act. It follows that the most logical way in which to approach the study of singing tone is to proceed from speech to sustained tone. Establish in the student's mind the acts involved in producing the spoken tone, namely, the acts of tongue, jaw and lips, the conditions which exist in mouth and throat, the action of the breath and the attitide of the mind toward them. These, perceived, proceed to the production of a more sustained tone while maintaining these conditions. This procedure may be somewhat as follows: Pronounce "no" five or six times. Notice that all activity is located at the teeth and lips, the tip of the tongue only being used while the jaw moves slightly and loosely. The breath act comes from the rib muscles. There is no sense of effort, no mental strain; the thing is done naturally and easily. Get thoroughly in mind these conditions and the mental state which accompanies them. and sustain the "no" somewhat longer. As a rule, the mental attitude will change and a distinct mental effort be felt to make the tone, resulting in a push at the root of the tongue and a movement of the entire tongue. The feeling of ease is gone, the sensation of doing the act naturally and without anxiety has changed to one of anxious care. Note the difference between the speaking and sustaining and bring the latter to coincide with the former. Persist until the sustained tone can be made with no more effort of vocal organs and breath and mind than the simple act of speech. This accomplished, the fundamental principle of tone production has been largely mastered.

"A great musician is a paradox, a miracle, a multiple-sided man-stern, firm, selfish, proud, unyielding; yet sensuous as the ether, tender as a woman, innocent as a child, and as plastic as potters' clay. And with most of them, let us frankly admit it, the hand of the Potter shook. When people write about musicians, they seldom write moderately. The man is either a selfish rogue or an angel of light—it all depends on your point of view. And the wrious part is, both are right."—Elbert HUBBARD.

Music, Muscle, Work and **Imagination**

By Grace May Stutsman

THE pianist of violinist who gives up her practicing when household duties become a part of her daily routine has failed to make the proper use of her imagination. Too often, instead of becoming the "driver" she assumes the role of the "driven." Usually the problem narrows down to a question of essentials, and it is astonishing how many non-essentials creep into this category.

Think how many times the flexors of the fingers are used in the act of washing dishes. If the mind is put to it, many helpful exercises can be invented for strengthening muscles not commonly used in actual practice. A turn of the wrist in placing a dish in the drainer, a relaxed, rotary motion in dusting, together with a liberal amount of bending from the hips only, knees stiff, all assist in the developing process. Cold cream, rubber gloves for moist tasks and chamois for dry ones are also a helpful factor.

Much practicing may be done away from the instrument. Knotty problems in rhythm or bits of difficult phrasing can be worked out over a piece of sewing or cleaning. The tricky passage can always be propped open where an occasional glance may be secured. Again, the piece may be thought through from memory until it is partially polished, and the finishing touches may be put on later at the instrument.

Muscle and imagination, plus concentration, make up the backbone of success. Determination and perseverance might be added, although they are automatically present, if one's desires are sincere. Nevertheless, little can be accomplished unless the imagination is in constant use. Train it to assist you out of your difficulties. Force yourself to acquire an optomistic philosophy. One's attitude toward life is always reflected in her playing.

Almost no situation is so bad but that it might be worse. Discontent, dissatisfaction and above all, self-pity are deadly enemies to any sort of success. The sooner they are whipped from the thoughts the sooner one begins to feel the power suggested by the great preacher's admonition: "That ye study to be quiet" (well poised) "and to do your own business" (self-control) "and to work with your own hands" (daily household tasks). There are few people whose hand technic could not be improved by a judicious amount of manual labor.

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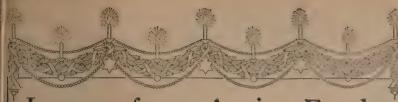
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The class grew steadily, though most were seginners. After seven months of labor we gave a recital—the first event of the kind that many of them had known. The work that many of them had known. The work has grown till it could easily be made to all six days.

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Don't Like Jazz

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To The Etters:
While on a vacation in Canada this summer, I found most of the younger generation crazy about ragime and jazz.
When will our young people recover from this jazz mania. Many of us older ones played it in the past; and it seems to me that the phonograph has had much to do with keeping up the vogue for this cheap music.

I have always loved to play the better music.

I have always loved to play the better music, I have always loved to play the better music, such as the Mosskowski Spanish Dances, high class songs, both sacred and secular, and, in fact, any good music. However, one finds very few of the younger set of to-day who can sit down and play selections from the operas and such songs as The Lost Chord, or a piece like the March of the Israelites, by Costa, and play them with anything like

or a piece like the March of the Israemes, by Costa, and play them with anything like the right spirit. They seem absolutely lost when trying this sort of music, and ask for Barney Google or Yes, We Have No Bananas. Such junk!

JOHN BOURNE,

Keeping Up the Interest

Keeping Up the Interest
To The Etude:
A very successful plan I followed this summer is as follows: Many of the parents requested me to continue through the summer—during the school vacation. In order to hold the pupil's interest, I use the music teacher's desk tablet, leaving the written instruction for each lesson, and grading this when it is recited, either as excellent, very good, good, or poor. Five recitations, graded as excellent or very good, gave the pupil a "reward card" with a composer's picture on it. Fifteen recitations, graded excellent or very good, gave the pupil a mane neatily written on it. Forty-five lessons, graded excellent or very good, gave the pupil a composer's picture ten by twelve inches, in a neat frame. This carried the pupil through the hot summer season, with very few missed lessons from anyone. The interest and enthusiasm were splendid all through, from the young student of six or seven years to those older.

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In learning a new piece which seems dif-

In learning a new piece which seems difficult, usually the trouble lies in only a few of its measures, while the rest of the composition is comparatively easy.

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Also, practicing the scales and studies for a half hour or more early in the morning will be found to give much better results than if it is done later when the mind has been distracted by other things.

When not taking lessons, one is apt to neglect the scales; but their regular practice will add much to one's playing. Get the less interesting work out of the way first. The more pleasing learning of pieces will be sure to be done. The other might be forgotten.

ADELINE HUXLEY,

Distorted Ears

TO THE ETUDE:

Charles Marie Widor, in the October issue of The ETUDE, brings up a question that has always interested me very much. Can the human ear be developed to really like some of the awful sounds that I hear under the head of foreign music? Am I all wrong? Am I tone deaf? Stravinsky, Wagner, Debussy have all come within my grasp, when I hear their works played by orchestras. However, there is still much of Debussy that means nothing to me when I play it at the piano. It seems to me that we have gone beyond the limits of aural perception in much of our music. I love music too well to have it mutilated. And much of the modern music seems mutilation to me.

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The Inexperienced Organist and the New Organ

By Ernest I. Mehaffey

THE tremendous increase in the number of new organs being installed in churches throughout the country has resulted in a very real problem to those churches not so situated as to have the services of an accomplished organist. Many musical people, capable of performing passably on a piano or reed organ, are confronted with the task of handling a modern pipe organ, with its multitude of mechanical accessories made possible by the perfection of pneumatic and electric action, knowing nothing of how to obtain the best results with the resources at their command. Of course, it is impossible in a short article to give a complete outline of what can be used to advantage in the average small organ, the purpose of this article is merely to make suggestions that have proven of value to many who have been placed in like circumstances.

The Average Small Organ

Let us suppose that a church installs a small organ, costing from \$2500 to \$3500. This organ will have either pneumatic or electric action, with from seven to ten speaking stops, and from nine to twelve couplers, together with the Swell Pedal, Crescendo Pedal, Great to Pedal Reversible, Sforzando Pedal Combination, Pistons, etc. The usual make-up of such an organ is as follows:

Great Organ

Open Diapason	O II.
Melodia (or Clarabella)	8 ft.
Dulciana	8 ft.
Octave	4 ft.
Swell Organ	
Salicional	8 ft.
Stopped Diapason	8 ft.
Flute Harmonic	4 ft.
Oboe	8 ft.
Pedal Organ	
Bourdon	16 ft.

Stop Families

These will be the actual speaking stops, and by speaking stops we refer to sets of pipes, and not to mechanical stops such as has a characteristic quality of tone, and they may be grouped into four "families" of tone, as follows:

Diapason Tone.

Open Diapason (Great).

Dulciana (Great). couplers and pistons. Each of these stops

Octave (Great).

Flute Tone

Melodia (Great).

Stopped Diapason (Swell).

Flute Harmonic (Swell).

Bourdon (Pedal).

String Tone.

Salicional (Swell).

Reed Tone.

Oboe (Swell).

It is in the proper use of these different stops, in combining them together, using the couplers, and so on, that the inex-perienced organist finds the greatest dif-

Let us suppose that Mrs. Jones or Mrs. Swell to Swell 16 ft.-Couples Swell Or- strings sound well, when contrasted with Smith must learn to play the new organ. They know nothing whatever about the tonal combinations, the couplers, the meaning of "8 ft.," "4 ft." Their town perhaps does not possess a good organ teacher, or they are too far from a city where one can be obtained. What are they to do? The new organ is in, it must be played. They have always played the reed organ or the piano for services, but now they must tackle that most complicated of instruments, the modern pipe organ.

First, let them obtain a thoroughly modern and up-to-date technical work on the study of the organ. Such a work may be obtained from any progressive publishing house. Stainer, Dickinson and Barnes all have written most successful works for the study of the organ. Full explanations are given as to the proper method of handling the pedals, manual touch, as well as many other features, and the embryo organist can accomplish much by sincere and earnest study, even though he may have to study alone and without the guidance of an experienced teacher.

Couplers

Second, let the organist study out the nomenclature of the stops and couplers. The organist will notice that every stop and every coupler has a number on it, "8 ft.," "4 ft.," "16 ft.," and that there are more stops marked "8 ft." than either "4 ft." or "16 ft." Those stops which are "8 ft." are the same pitch as the corresponding notes on the piano and receive their name from the fact that the lowest pipe in these stops is usually 8 ft. long. The "4 ft." stops are one octave higher in pitch than the 8 ft. stops and the "16 ft." stops are one octave lower in pitch than the "8 ft." stops. In addition to the actual speaking stops, there will be the usual array of couplers to be mastered. Generally speaking, on the small modern organ, they are as follows:

Swell to Great.

Swell to Great 4 ft.

Swell to Great 16 ft.

Swell to Pedal.

Swell to Swell 4 ft.

Swell to Swell 16 ft.

Swell to Unison On and Off. Great to Great 4 ft.

Great Unison On and Off.

Great to Pedal.

These couplers operate as follows: Swell to Great—Connects Swell Organ to the Great Organ at Unison Pitch

Swell to Great 4ft.—Connects Swell Organ to Great Organ one octave higher than the Swell to Great coupler

Swell to Great 16 ft.-Connects Swell Organ to Great Organ one octave lower than the Swell to Great coupler.

Swell to Pedal.-Connects Swell Manual to Pedal Keys.

Swell to Swell 4 ft.-Couples Swell Organ to itself, so that it sounds one octave higher than the notes played.

Swell Unison On and Off-Great Unison On and Off.—These couplers throw off the Unison pitch or normal pitch at which the organ is played. They should be ON for all ordinary purposes, being thrown off only when special solo combinations are desired.

Great to Great 4 ft.—Couples the Great
Organ to itself, one octave higher than

Unison Pitch.

Great to Pedal—Connects the Great Man-ual to the Pedal Keys. This may be operated by the Great to Pedal Reversible, which throws the coupler ON if it is OFF, and OFF if it is ON.

Combinations

Great care should be used in the combinations with 4 and 16 ft. couplers. If not used properly, they make the organ sound unbalanced, either too shrill and screechy, or thick and muddy. Be sure that the Unison Couplers are ON when using the organ for all ordinary purposes. Many an organ builder has had a "hurry-up" call to a church to "fix the organ so it would play," only to find that the organist had left the Unisons OFF.

Suppose one wishes to start with the softest stop on the organ and build up the tone gradually to the full organ. The stops would be put on in the following order, playing on the Great Organ:

Swell to Great.

2. Swell to Pedal.

Great to Pedal.

Salicional and Bourdon. speaking stops.)

5. Dulciana.

Stopped Diapason.

Flute Harmonic.

Melodia.

9. Oboe. 10. Open Diapason.

11. Octave.

12. Swell to Great 4 ft.

13. Swell to Great 16 ft.

14. Great to Great 4 ft.

Accompaniments

For accompanying vocal solos, quartets, and similar combinations, generally speaking, the organist should use the stops in the above order of their power, up to the proper volume of tone required for the particular composition being played. For accompanying one whose voice runs low, the Salicional will be found most effective in the softer passages, for high sopranos and tenors, the flutes will give good sup-

There are numerous combinations of tone which may be worked out, giving plenty of variety and many effective solo combinations. The organist's attention should be directed to finding what particular stops sound well on his instrument, which combine the best. It is impossible to give any definite outline of this on paper. The

gan to itself, one octave lower than the flutes; the Oboe used alone as a solo stop s always effective; the flute stops used alone with a Dulciana accompaniment or the Great are always effective.

The Crescendo Pedal

The Crescendo Pedal is an accessory which is very useful, but may, like all other things, be misused. It brings on the stops in the order of their power, from the softest stop to the full organ. organist should be able to so handle hi organ so as to be independent of this pedal reserving it only for passages where the feet and hands are so occupied as to render its use imperative. The Combination Pistons are, of course, useful in bringing on combinations of tone when needed. The Sforzando Pedal brings on the Full Organ, and is used only when every stop and coupler of the organ is needed.

Constant and earnest practice along methodical lines is the one thing that will make the novice proficient in the art of organ playing. Set aside a certain portion of each practice period for Manual work, another portion for Pedaling, one for registration, and so on, and the results will

be bound to come.

Choir Suggestions

By I. H. Bartholomew

THE following practical suggestions on choir etiquette are offered to the choir members by the organist of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Bethlehem, Pa., as the outcome of living experiences that stood the test of years of service:

1. If possible, always be on time. The success of the work depends upon your

punctuality.

2. If you are unable to attend the rehearsals or church service, inform the organist of your intended absence, so that proper choir arrangements can be made.

3. Don't make your attendance at choir rehearsals or church services a matter of convenience instead of one of the most urgent and sacred duties. Assist in maintaining a good choir attendance.

4. When you come to the choir room, robe in a quiet manner, select the process sional, and be ready for the service. You need at least a few minutes to get warm or cool, to compose your body and mind, and breathe a prayer before the service

5. Be devout in every attitude, and thoughtful for the comforts of others.

6. Under all circumstances appear serious and avoid being fussy.

7. All whispering should be studiously avoided during the service.

8. Overcome slouching postures. Bear in mind the congregation is observant. To be seated with the congregation, without offering a satisfactory reason to the orranist, should be equivalent to a resigna- of the service which does not appeal to

9. Jesting or loud talking, either before or after the close of the service, should be fiscouraged.

10. Speak a bright, cheery word to as many as possible at the close of the service.

11. Never criticise any part of the church service, unless you have studied the problem and are positive you have something better to offer. It is only the false critic who finds fault. Surely, there is always something helpful in any church service; speak of that; forget that part

12. Putting on graceful and impressive vestments will not add sanctity to public worship, unless those who wear them seem to have an exalted conception of the sanctity of their office.

13. Let us endeavor to serve our church better to-morrow than to-day; to be alive in every part of our being; to realize the possibilities that are in us; to do all that we can; to become all that we are capable of becoming; to have an exalted ideal and work with enthusiasm to attain it.

How Henry Ward Beecher Would "Redeem" the Sabbath with Music

laid more stress upon music than did Henry Ward Beecher. During his lifetime he insisted upon having the best organists and the best singers obtainable for his choir. Mme. Emma Thursby was for many years the solo soprano in Plymouth Church. Beecher often expressed himself upon music and in one of his famous orations upon the subject, said:

"As a preparation for religious meetings, sing. As a preparation for the sanctu-

ary and its privileges, sing. As a prepara-tion for self-examination, or as a means of pushing in the worldly stops, and drawing out the religious stops of the organ, sing. And let the children sing. Joining in the singing hymns is eminently profitable.

Relief to Care

"The singing of hymns also carries with it great relief to care. There is many a woman, I think, whose life, passed in the household, is filled with fears and anxieties, and oftentimes with troubles which her pride never suffers her to express, except loward God. I believe that there is many and many a woman who endures uninterrupted trials, who is shut up to herself, being sustained through all her dreary pilgrimage by the power of Christian hymns. She sings, and the hymns that she sings are such as reach over almost every con-

ceivable condition of the mind or heart.

"The very wine of experience has been pressed out, and hymns have been found to contain it. So the griefs which come and go in a day can be easily soothed; and the sorrows and cares which will not go can be made tolerable, by the sweet aid of song. Joys can be excited out of sadness. Patience can be inspired out of discouragement. The sweetest and richest experiences can be attained through the voice of music. Men can oftentimes find in song, joys which the sanctuary itself fails to give them.

Saving the Sabbath

"Such being the power of music, it seems to me that it ought to occupy a much more important place in the realm of instruction. There are those who ask, 'What shall make the Sabbath-day more acceptable? What shall save the Sabbath-day? If you ever save the Sabbath day you must make it attractive. You will never drive this great American people into Sunday as into a net. You will never drive men into the Sabbath-day as into a prison house. If it opens its cavernous doors, and invites men only to a condition of restraint and formal obedience, they will not enter it. And every American church that would redeem the Sabbath-day must do it not by holding up texts badly construed or misreasoned upon.

"You must make the Sabbath-day the sweetest day of the week. Then no argument will be needed to induce men to accept it. If you are not willing to do that, then you should shut your mouth evermore on the subject of the desecration of the Sabbath. In every household it is the duty

Few pastors of the past or present ever of father and mother to extort from their children, in after years, the testimony, that of all the days of the week there was none that they liked so well as Sunday. Of all the days of the week there was none that I liked so little as Sunday, when I was a boy. Of all the days of the week now, there is none on which I work so much as on Sunday. And if to work on Sunday is to break the Sabbath, then I am one of the greatest of Sabbath breakers, for I work about all day, and sometimes all night. But, after all, it is the joy-day of the whole week to me. And if you would redeem the Sabbath, make it more cheerful in the household. Give it the exhilaration of song. Give it the social element which goes with psalms and hymns.

"If you do not make the sanctuary on the Sabbath-day a place of joy and not gloom, you cannot express the spirit of such a sanctuary with a noble life of manhood, and with high conceptions that touch the whole range of faculties; if the reason, if the taste, if the moral faculties, if the deeper spring of the soul, are touched, and the mysteries of the world to come are sounded out, and men are thoroughly held, then no house will be large enough for the congregation that will be eager to participate in the services of religion. For under such circumstances religion has the power to make men's sorrows lighter, their joys brighter, and their hopes more rapturous.

Make Religion Attractive

"When religion is made attractive: when it is made by singing and other instrumentalities, to appeal to men's best feelings; when it makes the sanctuary a place where men are so happy that they would rather part with their daily bread than the bread of the Lord which they obtain there, then there will be no difficulty in getting men to observe the Sabbath-day. Make it better than any other day and then men will observe it of their own accord. But you cannot dry it, dessicate it, make it a relic of the past, and then get men to bow down to it and respect it. Make it a loving day, a heart-jumping day, a free-thinking day, a day of inspiration and hope, and then you will redeem it.

"Though I smiled at the notion of a grand peace jubilee before I went to Boston, when I came away from there, I said, 'Whatever effect may be produced by this thing here, I am satisfied that it is in the power of music to have an international influence.' And the time will come when, by pictures, by mechanic arts, and by industrious affiliations, all nations shall be under one brotherhood, so that it will be impossible for ambition to rend them asunder or lead man to destroy man.

"Let us then pray for the days of song. Sing, man; sing, woman. Or if you cannot sing, make a joyful noise to the Lord. Sing in your house. Sing by the wayside. Sing upon the sea. Sing in the wilderness. Sing always and everywhere. Pray by singing. Recite truths by chanting songs,



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Christmas Music New and Old

By Marie Hall

THE Christmas season will soon be here, and music in keeping with the festal day will be heard in all the churches of the land. Here is a list of anthems, solos, duets, preludes and postludes, all of which have received favorable com-mendation, and many of which relate the story of the natal day of the Christ, in an especially effective, and reverent manner.

Christmas Anthems

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The Nativity (Schirmer), Haesche; baritone and soprano solos, with fine chorus work. There were Shepherds (White-Smith), Pflueger; tenor and contralto solos, melodious chorus. The Dawn of Hope (Schirmer), Coombs; tenor solos, duet soprano and contralto; brilliant chorus work. Christians Awake! (Gray & Co.), Maunder; solid chorus work, soprano solo. There was Silence in Bethlehem's Fields (Gray), Stainer; lovely composition for quartet or well-trained chorus. Hosanna (Parish choir), Lowe; dignified composition; good for chorus. "Old Hundred," introduced. Christmas Bells (Ditson), Stevenson; most effective for well-trained choir; soprano, contralto, tenor and bass solos. The Christmas Message (Ditson), Dressler; melodious; soprano solo, violin obligato. While Shepherds Watched (Schirmer), Neidlinger; simple, but most pleasing; soprano solo. The Song of the Shepherds (Schirmer), Woodman; fairly difficult; demands fine balance. Hark, Hark, with Harps of Gold (Schmidt), Marston; very effective; violin obligato. O Little Town of Bethlehem (Ditson), Conant; women's voices; charming setting; violin obligato. There were Shepherds (Pond), Holden; simple, but most effective. Like Silver Lamps (Gray), Barnby; fine number with beautiful harmonies; moderate difficulty. It Came Upon the Mid-Lists of Christmas Music public

night Clear (White-Smith), Geibel; male voices; tuneful, easy and effective.

Christmas Solos and Duets
Night of Nights (violin and 'cello obligato),
Van de Water. Joyously Peal, Ye Christmas
Bells, Coombs. In Old Judea, Geibel. O'er
Salem's Towers, West. The Christ Child,
Coombs. Bending O'er a Cradle Son (violin
obligato), Marzo. O Little Town of Bethlehem, Bullard. Heavenly Light ('cello obligato), Gounod. Emmanuel, soprano and
bass, Coombs. Sleep Babe Divine, soprano
and alto (violin obligato), Warren. The
Dawn of Life, soprano and alto, Coombs.
The Star and the Song, alto and tenor, Wilson. The Angel of Light, soprano and baritone, Coombs.

Organ Music for Christmas

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A Christmas Fantasy (Stevens), Norris
paraphrase on "Antioch." A Shepherd'
Tale (Fischer), Gillette. Laudate Dominun
(Fischer), Shelden. Christmas Offertor,
(Fischer), Geison. Paraphrase on "Adest
Fideles" (Gray), Southgate.

Violin, Bells and Organ
Prayer and Cradle Song (Ditson), Macfarland. Berceuse (Gray), Lemare. Pastorale (Schmidt), Foote. The Scraph's Strain (Gray), Wolstenholme. Adoratis and Vox Angelica. Dubois. Adoration (The Holy City), (Gray), Gaul. Christmas Morning (Fischer), Frysinger. Christmas Postlude (Ditson), Best. Hallelujah Chorus (Schmidt), Handel-Dunham.

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Christmas Cantatas and Oratorios
The Christ Child (Church), C. B. Hawley
Christmas Oratorio, Saint-Saëns. The Nativ
ity (Grey), Adams. The Message of th
Star (Schirmer), Woodman. The Holy Ir
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Infant so Gentle. (Gray) Old French. While Shepherds Watched. (16th Century) (Fischer) Praetorious.

Scripture lesson.

While by my Sheep. 17th Century. (Schirmer) German.

Tis Christmas Day. (Schirmer) Old Welsh.

O'er the Cradle of a King. (Schirmer)

Old Brenton Prayer. Shepherds Shake off your Drowsy

Sleep. (Schirmer) Old Berancon. Slumber Song of the Infant Jesus. (Gray) Old French.

The Angels Sang in the Silent Night. (Pond) English. Offertory. Prayer and Cradle Song.

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A "Feminine" Ending.
Q. Is a feminine ending a weak, unsatisfactory, or an elaborate ending?
A. A feminine ending is the ending of a phrase on an unaccented note following the accented note on which the cadence mostly occurs.

Classification of Cadences.
Q. How are the cadences named?—
M. S. S., Greenville, Tex.
A. Cadences are usually classed in three kinds: Perfect, or whole; Imperfect, or half; and Interrupted, or deceptive. The perfect cadence contains the Authentic (from dominant to tonic) and the Plagal (from subdominant to tonic), the latter being chiefly used in church music. The imperfect cadence is the authentic form reversed (from tonic to dominant). These are frequently referred to as full cadences and half cadences.

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The Clavecin and Those Who Played On It.

Q. What was the "Clavecin" and who amongst the great masters played and composed for it?—M. C. C. G., Back Bay, Mass. A. (a) The "Clavecin," known in English as the Harpsichord, was the forerunner of the grand piano. It had the appearance of a horizontal harp in a case, very similar to the present grand piano. Its compass was, at first, three octaves, but, later, five octaves. Like the piano, it was played by means of keys but, instead of hammers for striking the strings, these were plucked by quills. The resulting sounds were delicate and pretty but very weak. To obtain greater power of tone, three or four strings were used for a note and an extra row of quills, as well as other devices to endeavor (unsuccessfully) to produce the gradual nuances of piano and forte.

(b). Careful research falls to show where the clavecin first appeared, every indication leads us to believe that the earliest compositions for clavecin were performed in Italy, in the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries, down to the year 1795, when the piano made its first public appearance in concert. Among the most celebrated may be mentioned: Merulo, Puschini, Gabriell, Frescobaldl, Reinck, Domenico and Alexander Scarlatti, Marcello, Porpora, Martini, Froberger, Handel, Buxtehude, Chambonnière, Francois Couperin and the numerous family of the Couperins, Ramenu, J. B. Clement, Gombert, Willaert, Monteverde, Gibbons, Purcell, Byrd, John Sebastian Bach, Palestrina, C. P. Emmanuel Bach, Haydn, Mozart, Gluck, Lully, Friedmann Bach, Christian Bach. It should be borne in mind that several of these masters assisted at the passing of the clavecin and at the beginning of the pianoforte era. Emmanuel Bach, Haydn and Mozart wrote for both instruments, and their example was followed by Clementi, Steibelt, Cramer, Dussek and others, who gradually abandoned the harpsichord for the piano, as the latter b

Maltrented Voice.

(). I need your assistance urgently. lease help me. I had a pretty good bass sice, compass from love E to about middle of hen I undertook the position of choir leader entailed singing sometimes with the soranos to high G, and sometimes with the norse and altos. The consequence is my sice is entirely gone, no quality, uncertainty a triking a note, and unable to sing for core than two minutes. What do you suggest to remedy this Edwin, Ironwood, lich.

The Metronome: Its Inventor: Becthoven's Approbation.

Q. What is the use of the metronome? Who invented it? Have any of the great musicians approved of it?—Jusko, R. I.

A. The metronome is designed to set the exact rate of speed of a movement, instead of relying upon words (such as Allegro moderato, Andantino and Allegretto), which are of a doubtfully approximate interpretation. It is popularly believed that the Dutchman, Winkel (1780-1826), was the first to conceive this invention; but the original idea belongs to Eticane Loulié, who was musicanster to Mademoiselle de Guise, about the year 1700. Johann Neponiuk Maelzel, of Ratisbonne (1772-1838), improved upon these ideas and perfected the instrument as we know it to-day. Most of the great composers, since his time, have indicated the use of Maelzel's metronome to set the pace of their compositions. Beethoven wrote to the founder of the Vienna Conservatory: "there is nothing more absurd than allegro, which, once for all, means gay, even when we are very far from having such an idea for the movement. As for me, I have long thought of giving up these absurd denominations of allegro, andante, adag'o, presto; Maelzel's metronome offers us the best opportunity to do so."

Toutari—Titty—Tziti.

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Q. Is there an instrument named the "Toutari" and where is it used?—G. B. H., Connecticut.

A. The Toutari (also called Tziti and Titty) is the name of the Indian bagpipe. It is believed that the bagpipe originated in the East; it is still found in use in India, China, Egypt and Persia. The tune "Hey taitti, taittie" is said to have been played by the bagpipes at the Battle of Bannockburn.

Should a Diminished Fifth be Named Imperfect?

Q. What is an imperfect fifth? I have heard it mentioned, but my text-books give only perfect and diminished fifths.—B. A., Anthony, R. I.

A. In many treatises on Harmony, what is termed to-day a diminished fifth was formerly named an imperfect fifth. It is a very often question whether "imperfect" is not the more correct designation for less than "perfect." Minor is less than major (diminished being less than minor), and imperfect is less than perfect. One treatise now before me, by a generally accepted authority, terms all the intervals of the normal scale as major, even including the fourth, fifth and octave, their lessened forms as minor. Nevertheless, to-day, the fifth, containing only six semitones, is generally termed "diminished."

Three Pedals—Three Meanings—Three Quarter-notes.

Q. (a) My upright piano has three pedals; the one on the right is the damperpedal. Which of the other two is the soft-needl. Made had been so the middle one?

(b) What is the was of the middle one?

(b) What is the meaning of "smorz"; "soltegio;" "duringando"?

(c) In a measure of three quarter-notes be played in time?—A. E. C., (rowley, La.

A. (a) That on the left is the soft pedal. The middle-pedal is used as a sustaining-nedal for the bass-note only. By putting down this pedal immediately after striking the bass-note, that note will continue sounding after the hand has quit it to play various chords above it, thus allowing a ground note to be heard with these related chords, without there being any confused discordant sounds, as would be the case if the damperpedal were used. (b) Smorz, is an abbreviation for smorzando, gradually fading away; Solfeggio, the art of calling the notes by their names of Do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, si, do; lusingando, caressingly, coaxingly. (c) Praetiee counting the measures of two-four time as one beat to a measure (or one half-note) and then play your three quarter-notes as an even triplet to the beat.

Chinese Scale.

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Q. What is the Chinese scale? Is it known in this country? Dees it resemble anything we use in the shape of a scale?—A. C. D.

A. The Chinese scale is similar to the Scotch and other Celtic scales. It contains only five notes and is termed, by some, the Pentatonic scale. The sounds correspond to our Da, re, mi, sol la. Putting your thumb on F\$\mathscr{c}\$, play consecutively, ascending, the three black notes and then the next two black notes and you have the Chinese scale.



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Recovering Lost Ground in Violin Technic

By Ben Venuto

asked in regard to the best course of practice for regaining technic after the violin has been laid aside for some time and the player grown rusty. Curiously enough, the form of the question is almost always such as to show a complete misunderstanding of the real requirements. It usually is worded somewhat in this way: "Please tell me the names of two or three difficult solos that I might practice so as to get back my lost technic, as I haven't touched the violin for two (three, four or five) years." To practice "difficult solos" under these circumstances would be about the worst thing to be done. One would be sure to play out of tune, and if at all self-critical, would become discouraged.

The first thing to be done is to go through bowing exercises similar to those taught to a beginner at the first few lessons, watching to make sure that you draw a perfectly straight bow and are otherwise in good form. Being assured of this, next practice long sustained bows, very slowly, trying to make each stroke last a full minute without a break. (This is an exercise used by even the greatest players, to steady their nerves before a public performance.) Next try something quite the contrary—the grand détaché whole-bow strokes, played with a darting motion as quickly as possible from one end of the stick to the other, with ample rests between. It matters but little what material you use for these exercises; the scale of G is as good as anything. Next take some finger-exercises on one string, such as those in Schradieck, and practice a few of them with the greatest care as to evenness and correct intonation. Do not use too many, but give intensive practice to a few. Lastly, look up some books of the easiest etudes which were studied in former years-Kayser, Wohlfahrt, or any others, and review them one by one, endeavoring to play them in a much more intelligent and artistic manner than you were able to do when you first studied them. After a few days of this sort of practice, advance yourself (supposing your earlier studies had reached that grade) to three-octave scales, and the several trill-studies found in Kreutzer's Etudes. The latter are the finest sort of thing to limber up the

We have spoken of regaining technic after one has become rusty through ceasing practice for some length of time; but is worth mentioning that sometimes a player in constant practice will seem to suffer a breakdown of technic, especially in the matter of intonation or of clean and accurate execution in general. When this does not arise, as is sometimes the case, from ill-health, over-fatigue or depressing weather, it shows that one has how I yearn to hear it; I am feverish; I been attempting music too difficult for his am worn."—RICHARD WAGNER, in a letter

of practice we have just described will mend matters. But it is a real injury to spend much time on pieces manifestly beyond your powers; one must be patient and work up to them gradually. The abnormal stretches, for instance, often Several times during the past few found in Gaviniés and Paganinni, should years, the advice of the writer has been never be attempted but by those who already have perfect mastery of the more normal use of the fingers; otherwise a tendency to play out of tune will be

Was She the First Woman Violinist?

By Bertha Altbayer

A TENOR viol was exhibited in England, in 1872, bearing in general outline the typical features of the violin and having the label "Pietro Zanure, Brescia 1509."

This Zanure had many pupils, but none more brilliant and famous than Vittoria Colonna, Marchesa di Pescara, a daughter of the princely house of Colonna.

Though a rare combination of circumstances had bestowed upon Vittoria rank, beauty, and the very highest quali-ties of heart and mind, all these did not exempt her from the ordinary lot of man. "Trouble and affliction were hers in no small measure; so that she was as eminent for her sorrows as for her virtues

She was born at the Castle of Marino, in 1490. In her songs we find many tender references to this place. History tells us that the King of Naples, in whose armies Vittoria's father had valiantly served, was determined to bring about a marriage between the Colonna family that of the Marquis of Pescara. Accordingly, when Vittoria was but four years old she was betrothed to Ferdinand, son and heir of the latter.

Her musical education was carried on with Ferdinand's, under the direction of Old Pietro Zanure, the maker of the instrument mentioned above.

A Violin Contest

Another violin contest has been held, this time in England. A violin by an English maker was heard in competion with a genuine Stradivarius, pronounced by all musical authorities to be the premier violin maker of the world. The contest was held on the stage of a concert hall. The two violins were played alternately by a skilled violinist standing behind a screen. To the surprise of all, the contest was won by the English violin, as it received the most votes on all points.

"Was ever work like mine created for no purpose? Am I a miserable egotist, possessed of stupid vanity? It matters not, but of this I feel as positive as that I live, and that is, my 'Tristan und Isolde', with which I am now consumed, does not find its equal in the library of music. Oh, present stage of progress. In such a case, to Praeger, written three years after the a few days devoted exclusively to the sort completion of "Tristan."

When Fiddles Are Treasures

[This is a good, sensible article, which appeared in "The Pathfinder," written in plain, common English, so that everyone can understand it. It will no doubt serve a good purpose in puncturing a lot of the "fake old fiddle" nonsense which is so hard to combat. The writer seems to know his subject well.—
EDITOR'S NOTE.]

Every little while the papers publish the claim that some fiddle maker has "discovered the secret" which enabled Stradivarius to make the most wonderful violins the world has ever known. Usually it is the varnish which is described as giving the true Cremona

The other day a special cable dispatched from Paris was widely published, giving us the same old "song and dance." The "secret" was said to be that a small amount of olive oil was used in the varnish Stradivarius employed. No doubt the Italian violin makers did use some olive oil in their varnishes, as that was the commonest oil they had. Oil varnish is the only proper varnish for violins, as it does not dry so glassy and hard as the cheap rosin varnishes used in modern fiddle factories.

Cheap fiddles are mostly covered with spirit varnish-that is resins dissolved in alcohol, turpentine or some similar solvent instead of in oil. The reason for this is that a spirit varnish dries much more quickly than an oil varnish. Rosemary oil is one of the best oils for violin varnish, but it has the great drawback that it takes months, if not years, to dry

Every known oil and spirit and gum and resin and all sorts of combinations of them have been tried for making violin varnish. There is no particular secret about varnish-making, and in any case the varnish had very little to do with the superiority of the old Italian violins of Stradivarius and other makers. A poor fiddle can never be made into a good one by putting fine varnish on it, though it is true that any instrument is made worse by giving it a heavy coat of flintlike wagon varnish, as is so commonly done.

The varnish is mainly for the purpose of protecting the instrument, and it does not add any quality the instrument did not already have. Great violin makers in fact always test their new instruments before varnishing them-and this shows they don't depend on the varnish to give any

It is an old and popular fallacy that the varnish on a violin is largely what determines its quality. The varnish does protect the wood from the atmospheric changes, and incidentally it helps the tone of the instrument by preserving its resonance.

It is a strange thing, but there is an immense amount of hocus-pocus attached the price of the cheapest mail-order fiddle to the whole subject of old violins. Not a day passes that the Pathfinder does not get letters from people who think they have in the family a genuine old Stradi-They tell about the label that is pasted inside, bearing the legend: "Antonius Stradivarius Cremonensis, Faciebat Anno 1723"-or something similar, and they think this label is positive proof that the instrument is a true "old master," worth up to \$25,000.

Anyone with a little knowledge of th subject can usually tell that such instrument is merely a modern factory fiddle with a fake label in it to fool the credulous. Only a few days ago newspapers published a "special dispatch which related how a genuine "Strad" had turned up in a pawnshop where its owner a blind old negro, had pawned it for \$1.7 And the regulation old label inside wa quoted as proving the authenticity of the

You would actually stand more chance of going out in front of your house, stoop ing down in your tracks and picking t a \$1000 diamond than a person would of having an old fiddle turn out to be genuine Stradivarius. At rare interval some old fiddle that has been long laid away in some garret and forgotten prove. to be a real treasure.

Age improves a violin, within certain limits, and an instrument that was orig nally only passable may become qui valuable in time, especially if it is played on and properly taken care of. But the other hand, many violins that are ver old are of very little value, owing to the fact that they were originally poorly made or that they have been ill-treated Then, too, an old violin may have los through excessive age the fine qualities once had; it may be literally "player out;" there are some genuine "Strads which are of small value for playing pur poses, but which will always command big price as curios.

Rich amateurs sometimes make "collections" of fine old instruments, as a fall although they may not play the instruments themselves. A Washington man named Partello devoted a large part o his life to this side line, and when he died a short time ago his collection, it wa said, sold for about \$150,000. It went to Lyon and Healy, the great Chicago musical house, who are always in the mar

ket for fine old instruments.

The Pathfinder's advice to all who think they have a valuable old violin and who want to realize on it is to submit it to good experts and their verdict can be accepted as reliable. It may be said that everyone who has an old fiddle almost invariably imagines he has a genuine old master which is worth a fortune. But the "asking price" and the "selling price" of such old instruments, like many other old articles, may show a wide gap.

It isn't everyone who wants to buy a valuable old violin or who has the money to put into it; so, often, a really fine instrument may go begging. The owner must first find his purchaser. Mos musicians know of cases where splendid bargains have been picked up for a trifle The romantic violinist is always dream ing of buying a genuine old Cremona for —and at rare intervals such dreams come true. The writer knows of a man who for three pennies bought a violin that was worth \$500, from a dirty little street urchin who had found it in an ash barrel and who was hauling it along the walk with a string.

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Starting the Violin Beginner

By Mable Madison Watson

THOUGH many artists will say "There is only *one* right way to play the violin, but many wrong ones" there still seems to be room for various opinions regarding the most advisable manner of starting

Position

An erect and assured bearing gives confidence to both performer and audience. There can be no question as to the necessity that the pupil stand erect and hold the violin high enough to be at least parallel with the floor. The tendency is to let it sag, and, therefore, from the first lesson the wise teacher will insist that the scroll shall point slightly upward, till the habit is formed.

Until the pupil's position is fairly established he should not be expected to practice with notes, but his attention should be concentrated upon mastering a correct position. Early lessons and practice should before a good mirror.

With a very short neck, little if any shoulder pad is necessary; but a long necked pupil cannot stand naturally without some such aid. One should be selected to fit the pupils' individual need. A firm chin and shoulder rest add greatly to security in shifting and playing in the higher positions.

Whether the violin should point directly in front or toward the left shoulder is a disputed question. If held too far to the left the bow arm must reach out directly in front, making bow control less secure; but when the violin points straight forward the chest is narrowed and the right arm cramped at the frog. A point between these two extremes seems most reasonable, and can be slightly varied to suit the pupil's physique.

The jaw-bone not the chin must grasp the "chin (?) rest." Guillaume Remy of the Paris Conservatory asks his pupils, "Do you know why the Good Lord gave us jaw-bones?" and answers his own question, "To hold our violins with, my dear!" The chest must be expanded, the left shoulder neither drawn forward nor unnaturally raised: the head nearly ercct. slightly leaning toward the violin. In other words, the entire poise must be easy and, as nearly as possible, a natural, cor-

rect standing position without the instru-

Right Hand Training

Holding and control of the bow would require a treatise in itself. Suffice it to say that relaxation must be the first and constant aim. The first joints of the fingers must be gradually taught to cling like leeches; but every finger joint and the wrist, elbow and shoulder must be always flexible. Any stiffness allowed to become habitual will spoil the volume and beauty of tone.

Left Arm and Hand Position

Obviously a hand, so held that any finger can reach all four strings by direct motions with practically no hand or arm

adjustment, will secure maximum speed with minimum effort. Keeping left hand finger work on the G string until this position is established will save years of corrective training further on in the course. The flexibility of young pupils makes a slightly exaggerated left arm position no great difficulty; and unless older beginners have the grit to persevere in correct form at the start they will never get beyond the "promising" or amateur stage.

All the best modern methods select one uniform stopping of the four fingers on all four strings and adhere to this until a certain left hand accuracy is established. Methods which commence with the tetrachord starting on the open string have the advantage of three complete one-octave scales and innumerable possible folk-songs in major keys, thus availing themselves of the assistance of the natural melodic sense and greatly facilitating the so essential early training in oral accuracy. Using open strings for tonic and dominant helps to establish the tonality. Exact intonation cannot be required until the bowed tone has sufficient firmness to permit testing each note by the response of its overtones when bowed on an open string. Until this test is possible the melodic sense must be the only guide and the material, used should be simple familiar

Left Hand Alone

Though considerable preliminary training in finger placing and left hand position is essential, this can best be accomplished without the bow, by silent exercises or pizzicato. Goby Eberhard, one of our greatest technical authorities, advocates separate left hand training, and all early bow work to be confined to the open strings. In attempting to start left hand training with the bow, it is impossible to avoid the formation of at least some incorrect habits that may be difficult or impossible to eradicate; and the attempt to concentrate upon so many difficulties at once must result in stiffness, which is always the penalty of too great effort.

Resume

In brief, Essentials for a correct start

1. An erect and easy position for standing and holding the violin.

Exercises for strengthening the finger tip grasp on the bow, while keeping perfect rlaxation of the entire arm, hand,

Training for left arm and hand to establish the habit of keeping the palm knuckles parallel with the neck and all four fingers in curved position, each tip over some one especial point, the same for all four strings.

4. Separate training of left hand and bow hand until the two can be combined without stiffness in either.

5. Early practice without notes and before a mirror.

To the Small Town Violin Teacher

By Robert W. Anderson

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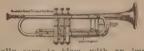
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By Mr. Braine

A Musical Future.
J. O. G. H.—While it is impossible for me to give a guess as to your future as a violinist without a personal hearing, I should think it doubtful that you could become "a great virtuoso," which, you say, is your ambition. However, there are thousands of good, capable violinists, to every great virtuoso; and if you are talented and industrious, you might achieve fair success. Your best course is to hunt up a first rate violin teacher, play for him, and get his opinion.

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Buying an Old Violin.

J. S. M.—You can tell nothing from the label in your violin. Violin labels can be obtained very cheap, in imitation of all the great makers, and are used indiscriminately by some makers, manufacturers and dealers, except those of the better class. It might be possible to find a genuine label in an imitation violin, or an imitation label in a genuine violin. Unless you are an expert judge of violins, I would not advise you to buy an old violin without getting an expert opinion on it.

opinion on it.

Changing from Piano to Violin.

L. K.—Having studied the piano for seven years, it seems to be rather poor policy to change to the violin as your principal instrument. Sixteen is too late to start the violin with the expectation of becoming a virtuoso, however you could learn a great deal starting as late as that. Try to play for some recognized musical authority and get his opinion. I cannot advise definitely without hearing you.

An Imitation "Strad."

J. C.—From your description, your violin is an imitation Stradivarius. The name "Offenbach" stamped on the back is used by way of a trade-mark. Many of these factory fiddles have trade marks stamped on the back, as, "Sarasate," "Conservatory," "Ole Bull" and "Paganini." In the language of the popular cartoon, they "do not mean anything."

Inlaid Violins.

J. S. M.—Unless you are an expert judge of violins, or can obtain an opinion from one who is, I would not advise you to buy the violins you speak of. As a rule, violins with a lot of pearl inlaying, and pictures on the back, are of a rather cheap grade. At the same time, you will see, if you reflect a little, how utterly impossible it is for me to attempt to fix the value of violins I have never seen.

Musical Ear Examination.

J. K.—First go to a good musical authority, and have him examine you to see if you have a good musical ear and are not "tone deaf," as some are. If the verdict is favorable, a change of teachers might be advisable. Find a teacher who can teach you to tune your violin and to play in tune.

Chance of Success.

L. F.—So many letters like yours come to The Etude, and it is so hard to answer them to the satisfaction of the inquirer. Without hearing you play, anything I could say in regard to your future would be in the nature of a mere guess. Why do you not arrange to play for one of the best teachers in your city and get his opinion? Pay him for his time in giving you a thorough examination as to your talent, and advising you what is best to be done. From what your letter says the chances are that while you night never be able to become a thorough artist on either plano or violin, with a large technic, you might meet with success as a teacher, or a performer of not too difficult works.

A Guarnerius.
L. R. I. P.—There is not more than one chance out of several hundred thousand that your violin is a real Guarnerius. No one can tell without looking at it. Your only course is to send the violin by express to an expert for examination.

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G. C. U.—As a rule, violins with mother of pearl inlaying, or pictures and inscriptions on the back, are not of a very high grade, or of much value. However, it is impossible to pass on your violin without seeing it

Harmonics—Double Trills.

M. G. C.—The passage in flageolet notes taken from Drdla's Serenade, which you send, is not in double stops. It consists of single tones, although apparently written as double stops. The upper notes show the real sounds produced, and the lower square-shaped notes (played on the A string), where the fingers are placed to produce the tones. These tones are harmonics, and the fingers are placed very lightly on the string, which is not pressed to the fingerboard. 2—Double trills on the violin at the required speed are possible, but very difficult. Only players possessing large technic are able to play double trills well.

A. W.—There is no reason why the study of the saxophone should interfere with your 'cello playing. As your idea is to double on a string and wind instrument, maybe you would prefer the clarinet, as there is a great deal of professional work for the clarinet in bands and orchestras.

Prinse Lines.

N. R.—The two vertical lines used at different points in Drdla's *Souvenir* indicates that there is to be a slight pause at the point where these lines are placed. The pause is very slight and its duration is left to the taste of the player. 2—Play the pizzicato passages in César Cui's *Orientale* with the right hand.

Hopf Violins.

M. L. II.—So many inquiries about Hopf violins have been answered that I shall have to refer you to an article on the subject in the August, 1922, ETUDS, which you can get by sending 25 cents in stamps to the publisher. Even the genuine Hopfs are of no great value, and there are hundreds of thousands of imitations, mostly factory fiddles of indifferent value.

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Imitation Stradivarius

Histon Stradivarius.

H. K.—According to the label, the violin about which you inquire is an imitation Stradivarius, made in Berlin. If it is a first rate copy it might have some value; but judging from the label, a copy of which you send, I should think it is only a factory fiddle, of nominal value. Impossible to give a definite opinion without seeing the violin.

Thaddeus Matthias Violin.

D. W.—If your violin is a genuine instrument made by Thaddeus Matthias in 1704, it is probably a good instrument, if it is well preserved. I could not give an opinion without seeing the violin. Any leading dealer in violins in Los Angeles, or San Francisco, could tell you.

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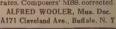
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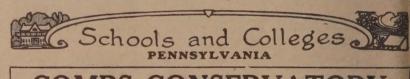
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